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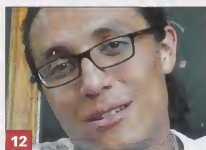
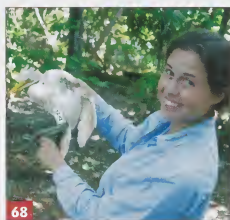
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Letters to the Editor

Sweetest '60 Suite

Hats off to the Class of '60 on its 50th anniversary reunion, and especially to Professor Nathan Gross '60 for his heartfelt cabaret performance, full of pith and vinegar, now immortalized online:

*Still I'd gladly
Swap a stack of Stetsons
And a rack of Borsalini
To get back one purloined beanie
And start at Columbia again!
Oh, yes!*

Jamie Katz '72
New York City

The author is a former editor of CCT. You can relive Nathan Gross '60's reunion performance at www.college.columbia.edu/cct/jul_aug10/webexclusives.

Freefall

It is not often that I can pick up a publication and so instantly form a visceral reaction to what appears in the Letters column. Perhaps that may be due to the lead-off entitled *Freefall*, a letter from Dave Ritchie '73 in the July/August issue.

I wonder if Mr. Ritchie has ever bothered to read the budget?

He might well have seen it, because he has described the portion of the budget going to "defense-related-expenditures" as "making it the single greatest economic entity in the American economy."

That utterly conceals and confounds the much larger entity consisting of outlays for multitudes of social engineering projects of dubious effect or value. Collectively, the expenditures of these entities dwarf by comparison the military spending that he decries, and with no productivity!

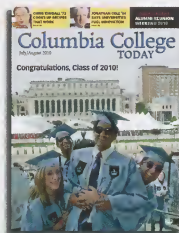
Perhaps I missed something in those years between my '54-'55 and Mr. Ritchie's '73. But is he really saying that it is because of military spending "United States lost the ability to compete in essential areas of civilian manufacturing to overseas competitors?" Which other sector of the economy developed so much technical expertise that any could be exported at all, and in doing so to bring a modicum of prosperity for the rest of the world to share?

Mr. Ritchie concludes that "we can take solace in making the best (and most expen-

sive) damn rockets, tanks and warplanes in the world — and it sure helps the GDP look good." At least Mr. Ritchie can enjoy the privilege of such self-contradiction. Perhaps he picked up that mindless skill during Columbia's declining years of the '60s and '70s, perhaps directly from Professor Seymour Melman himself.

Columbia's deficient sense of good citizenship in banning NROTC from campus may also find roots in the teaching of Professor Melman, with Mr. Ritchie's continuing support no doubt. It is deplorable that Mr. Ritchie finds no value in military strength to preserve his freedoms. Worse, he writes, "Military production and the maintenance of the war economy contribute significantly to GDP numbers but they provide nothing to either the general well-being of the population or to the real productivity of the economy."

Ken Williamson '54, '55E
HAUPPAUGE, N.Y.



Hooping It Up

Alex Sachare '71's "Within the Family" column (May/June) gave a balanced but generally appreciative description

of Coach Joe Jones' performance as men's basketball coach. This, I believe, presented an inaccurate picture.

Coach Jones had fundamental defects as a coach and it was predictable at an early stage that as long as he remained, the Columbia men's basketball program was doomed to mediocrity. Coach Jones was an effective recruiter, but his defects as a coach caused the team consistently to underperform in relationship to its potential. His demeanor and lack of ability as a strategist and teacher were defects which were obvious from the inception, and [Athletics Director] M. Dianne Murphy's file has letters that evidence that many perceived this problem at an early stage. Measured in comparison with the performance of Armond Hill, his immediate predecessor, coach Jones could be considered as a success. However, measured in terms of the excellent level that Columbia should demand of its coaches, coach Jones was a failure.

Mediocrity is often more pernicious than outright incompetence. The truly fundamentally incompetent are identified

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WITHIN THE FAMILY

One Last Toast E're We Part

Editor's note: Derek Wittner '65, '68L returned to Columbia in 1993, working for two years in Student Affairs and then moving to the Alumni Office, where he was director of the Columbia College Fund and then v.p. and finally dean of alumni affairs and development. Wittner resigned effective July 31 and now is v.p. for development at the Cooper Union in NYC.

Wittner is part of a Columbia family — his father, brother and two sons are all alumni — and a strong believer in the integral role alumni play in the life of a school. He reshaped and expanded the Alumni Office, which thrived under his leadership. The College Fund has grown to a record \$15.1 million in unrestricted gifts, and numerous professorships, especially in the Core Curriculum, have been added. Alumni Affairs also has prospered, with existing events such as Alumni Reunion Weekend and Homecoming drawing increasing crowds, and recent traditions such as the Alumni Parade of Classes at Class Day and the alumni presence at the Senior Dinner reinforcing the notion that a student's undergraduate years are only the beginning of his or her lifelong relationship with Columbia. Wittner believed in the importance of communicating with alumni — not just asking them for money — and was a strong supporter of this magazine as a cornerstone of a concerted effort to reconnect alumni with each other and the College.

In a restructuring of the Alumni Office, plans are to hire a senior executive director of development and a senior executive director of alumni affairs and communications. National searches are being conducted to fill these important positions.

Alex Sachare '71

By Derek Wittner '65, '68L

Not everyone gets to do something for his/her work that fulfills several impulses. In my prior professional life, if success and happiness are measured by economic reward and intellectual challenge, then I would tell you that those two indices



Derek Wittner '65, '68L was a strong advocate for the contributions alumni can make to the life and vibrancy of the College.

were satisfied. But as I got older, there was nagging at me another unfulfilled impulse. Would it be possible to identify and secure an opportunity to serve a broader purpose?

I could never have predicted at the onset of my musings that I would have the good fortune to become an advocate for education. Were that not sufficient, I would be given that opportunity at Columbia College, the alma mater I share with four family members and all of you. I took up the cause with unbridled enthusiasm and passion, perhaps also with a dose of uncertainty thrown in.

Some 18-odd years later, I can say unhesitatingly that I have felt as fulfilled as I never could have imagined. In the course of witnessing the re-emergence of the College as, in my opinion, the best undergraduate experience in the country, these attributes of my journey — in addition to meeting my wife, Kathryn — stand out:

I have met and befriended an unbelievable number of alumni of all ages, backgrounds and opinions (much like

our shared experience as Columbia College undergraduates) as well as students and parents of our students. I never fully appreciated the extent of commitment alumni have to the College and the uniformly held belief that we were offered an unparalleled education rooted in an enduring Core. It did not take much for me to tap into that sentiment, and it accounts for the remarkable resurgence of alumni support you have offered. It is to all of you that the College owes a debt for taking up the cause.

It is not inevitable that one can serve an institution at the right time. The Columbia College of the '70s was a challenge for students, alumni, faculty and administrators. In my tenure, the College was blessed with strong volunteer and professional leadership with ambitious goals. Being held to high standards prevents complacency, and we have certainly not been complacent. I am grateful to have been held to such standards.

Finally, the coincidence of effective volunteer leadership with a more professional approach to serving the College has made progress possible. I was given the mandate and support to identify and hire experienced staff. Susan Birnbaum, Ken Catandella, Alex Sachare '71 and the many members of their staffs through the years have contributed so much to the College's progress; their continuing service speaks to the recognition of their individual capabilities.

I leave to take on the development responsibility at another venerable, albeit smaller, New York educational institution: the Cooper Union. Sharing as it does Columbia's commitment to access as it provides a full scholarship to every student, the transition presents a continuum of values.

So I leave the College as a professional staff member with enormous gratitude. I have learned from you what it takes to make good alumni, and I shall try to follow capably in your footsteps. Thanks.

AROUND THE QUADS

Lions To Host Dartmouth at Homecoming 2010

BY LISA PALLADINO

Homecoming 2010, to be held on Saturday, October 23, will feature the Lions taking on Ivy League rival Dartmouth in the afternoon football game at Baker Athletics Complex. Prior to the game, there will be a gourmet barbecue buffet lunch under the Big Tent and family fun at the Columbia Homecoming Carnival, featuring face painting, balloon making, magic, games, prizes and interactive activities for fans of all ages.

The tent opens for lunch and mingling with alumni, parents, students and friends at 11 a.m. Kickoff at Robert K. Kraft Field is at 1:30 p.m.

Lunch tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for children under 12 if purchased online by Thursday, October 21: www.college.columbia.edu/alumni/homecoming. Lunch tickets also are available on site: \$22 for adults and \$12 for children. Each lunch ticket includes an all-you-can-eat

barbecue buffet lunch, soft drinks and admittance to the Columbia Homecoming Carnival. Beer, wine and cocktails will be available at an additional cost. There also will be limited cash-and-carry items.

To purchase football tickets, which are separate from lunch tickets, call 888-LIONS-11 or purchase online: www.gocolumbialions.com/tickets. Premium chairback seats are \$25; reserved bench seats are \$15.

There are several options for getting to Baker Athletics Complex. Shuttle buses from the Morningside campus will be available beginning at 11 a.m. and will return immediately following the game, running between the Broadway gates and the northwest corner of West 218th Street and Broadway. Log on to www.gocolumbialions.com prior to the game for updated information.

Fans also may use mass transit. By subway, take the 1 train to 215th Street or

the A train to 207th Street and walk north to West 218th Street and Broadway. By bus, the M100, Bx20 and Bx7 stop nearby. By Metro-North Railroad, the Marble Hill station is located on the north shore of Spuyten Duyvil, just across the Broadway Bridge from Baker Athletics Complex. Log on to www.mta.info prior to the game for service advisories.

On-site preferred parking at Baker Athletics Complex is available as a benefit only to those making qualifying gifts to Columbia football. Single-game parking passes are not available. Fans arriving by vehicle without on-site preferred parking passes will be directed to public parking facilities.

For more information about Baker Athletics Complex 2010 football game day policies and procedures, public parking options, fans code of conduct and more, log on to www.gocolumbialions.com/footballgameday.



Alumni, students, parents and friends enjoy a gourmet lunch under the Big Tent at Homecoming 2009.

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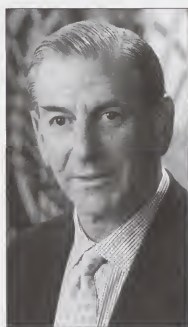
Rothfeld To Receive Hamilton Medal

Michael B. Rothfeld '69, '71J, '71 SIPA, '71 Business will receive the 2010 Alexander Hamilton Medal on Thursday, November 17, at the Alexander Hamilton Award Dinner, an annual black-tie event held in Low Rotunda. The medal, the highest honor paid to a member of the Columbia College community, is awarded annually by the Columbia College Alumni Association to an alumnus/a or faculty member for distinguished service to the College and accomplishment in any field of endeavor.

Rothfeld, a 1970-71 International Fellow at SIPA, is a University trustee and a CCAA board member. He is a former chair of the Columbia College Board of Visitors and also has served on the advisory board of the Journalism school's Knight-Bagehot Program in business and financial journalism.

A theatrical producer and private equity investor, Rothfeld has been an associate editor of *FORTUNE*, assistant to the chairman and CEO of Time Inc., an investment banking v.p. of Salomon Brothers, a managing director in the investment banking division of The First Boston Corp. and, through private corporations, a general partner of Bessemer Capital Partners and Bessemer Holdings. He was a director of The Overhead Door Corp., Graphic Controls Corp. (non-executive chair) and Kelly Oil & Gas.

Rothfeld was a member in 1979 of the first cultural delegation from the United States to the People's Republic of China. He received the Drama Desk and Outer



Critics Circle awards and was nominated for a TONY for the revival of Gore Vidal's *The Best Man*. Rothfeld's production company received the Lucille Lortel Award for the New York revival of *Our Town*. He also is a director of The Jed Foundation and a trustee of Second Stage theater.

Rothfeld is married to Ella M. Foshay '71 GSAS, '79 GSAS, who holds a Ph.D. in art history. They are the parents of Ella M. Foshay-Rothfeld '06 and

Augusta F. Foshay-Rothfeld '08.

For more information on the dinner, contact Meghan Eschmann, associate director for College events and programs: 212-851-7399 or me2363@columbia.edu.

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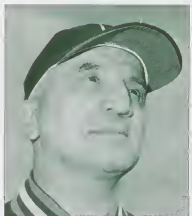
Athletics Announces 2010 Hall of Fame Class

Columbia will honor 20 former student-athletes, three former head coaches, the 1961 Ivy League champion football team, one former staff member and one individual in the 2010 class of the Columbia University Athletics Hall of Fame. The induction ceremony will occur at a black-tie dinner in Low Library on Friday, October 22.

The Class of 2010 includes 19 men, six women and one team, representing 12 sports. The inductees were selected by a committee of Columbia Athletics affiliates, including alumni and athletics administrators, after more than 200 nominees were submitted for consideration by the general public from November 2008 through March 2010.

Among those to be inducted are National College Football Hall of Fame member Walter Koppisch '25, U.S. Open tennis champion Oliver Campbell (Class of 1891), former football coach Aldo T. "Buff" Donelli and 2008 Olympic fencing silver medalist Erinn Smart '02 Barnard.

The 1961 football team was coached by Donelli and captained by William V. Campbell '62, '64 TC, chair of Columbia's Board of Trustees, former head football coach and National Football Foundation Gold Medal winner. Bob Asack '62, Lee Black '62, Tony Day '63, Tom Haggerty '62 and Columbia University Athletics Hall of Famer Russ Warren '62 all earned All-Ivy League first-team honors that



Aldo T. "Buff" Donelli



Franklin Thomas '56

season, when the Lions outscored their opponents 240–117 and compiled records of 6–1 in the league and 6–3 overall.

Following is the Class of 2010 of the Columbia University Athletics Hall of Fame:

Former Student-Athletes, Male

Heritage Era (1852–1955)

Charles Batterman '44 (swimming and diving)
Lou Bender '32 (basketball, baseball)
Oliver Campbell (Class of 1891) (tennis)
Walter Koppisch '25 (football)
John J. O'Brien '38 (football, basketball, swimming and diving)
Stephen Sobel '54 (fencing)
Al Thompson '54 (track and field)

Modern Era (1955–Present)

Thomas Auth '90 (rowing)
Robert Cottingham Jr. '88 (fencing)
Rikhardur "Rikki" Dadason '96 (soccer)
Garrett Neubart '95 (baseball)
Nicholas Szerlip '95 (wrestling)

Franklin Thomas '56 (basketball)
Rory Wilfork '97 (football)

Former Student-Athletes, Female

Alison Ahern '00 (soccer)
Nicole Campbell '02 (field hockey, softball)
Delilah DiCrescenzo '05 (cross country, track and field)
Lucy Eccleston Norvall '03 Barnard (swimming and diving)
Erinn Smart '02 Barnard (fencing)
Kathy Gilbert White '91 (basketball)

Coach

Heritage Era (1852–1955)

Edward T. Kennedy (swimming and diving, 1910–55)

Modern Era (1955–Present)

Aldo T. "Buff" Donelli (football, 1957–67)
Dieter Ficken (men's soccer, 1979–2005)

Team

1961 football

Athletics Staff

William Steinman (director, Sports Information, 1970–2002)

Special Category for Individual Achievement

Gerald Sherwin '55

For more information about the induction ceremony and dinner, contact Felicia Ganthier, development assistant, athletics department at 212-851-5648 or fj2131@columbia.edu.

Alex Sachare '71

ROAR, LION, ROAR

■ **FOOTBALL:** Columbia's football team will play the first of six home games when it opens the 2010 season against Fordham in the annual Liberty Cup game on Saturday, September 18, on Robert K. Kraft Field at Lawrence A. Wien Stadium.

Columbia starts its 10-game season with four home games. After Fordham, the Lions will face Towson in another non-league game before opening their Ivy League schedule against Princeton on Saturday, October 2. After hosting Lafayette in their final non-league game and traveling to Philadelphia to play Penn, the Lions will play Dartmouth at Homecoming on Saturday, October 23.

Following is the complete 2010 varsity

football schedule, with home games capitalized. All games are on Saturdays.

September 18	FORDHAM	12:30 p.m.
September 25	TOWSON	12:30 p.m.
October 2	PRINCETON	12:30 p.m.
October 9	LAFAYETTE	12:30 p.m.
October 16	at Penn	12:00 p.m.
October 23	DARTMOUTH	12:30 p.m.
October 30	at Yale	12:00 p.m.
November 6	at Harvard	12:00 p.m.
November 13	CORNELL	12:30 p.m.
November 20	at Brown	12:30 p.m.

For tickets or further information, visit www.gocolumbialions.com/tickets or call

888-LIONS-11. Season tickets start at \$54 for the six-game home schedule.

■ **FENCING:** Columbia fencers past and present fared well at the U.S. Summer Nationals, held in Atlanta in July.

Emily Jacobson '08, Sammy Roberts '12E and Daria Schneider '10 finished first, second and fifth, respectively, in the senior women's sabre competition, while James Williams '07 and Jeff Speer '10 were fifth and sixth, respectively, in senior men's sabre. Nicole Ross '11 was second in senior women's foil, Nzingha Prescod '14 was first and Lydia Kopecky '13 was third in under-19 women's epee, and Magnus Ferguson '14 was sixth in under-19 men's epee.

Belknap, McKeown To Receive Great Teachers Award

Robert Belknap, the Professor Emeritus of Slavic Languages at the College and director of the University Seminars, and Kathleen McKeown, the Henry and Gertrude Rothschild Professor of Computer Science at SEAS, are the 2010 recipients of the Great Teachers Award. They will be honored at the Society of Columbia Graduates Awards Dinner, which will be held in Low Rotunda on Thursday, October 21.

Belknap was educated at Princeton, the University of Paris, Columbia (a certificate from SIPA in 1957 and a Ph.D. in Slavic languages from CSAS in 1959) and Leningrad (now St. Petersburg) State University. He is the author of *The Structure of the Brothers Karamazov: The Genesis of the Brothers Karamazov: The Aesthetics, Ideology, and Psychology of Making a Text*; and other studies of Russian literature and of university education.

In 1956, Belknap began teaching at Columbia following Army service. Upon completing his dissertation on "The Structure of the Brothers Karamazov," he began

teaching Literature Humanities in 1960 and continued for nearly every year thereafter. He chaired Literature Humanities in 1963, from 1967-70 and again for two years in the 1980s. In 2000-01, he was honored for Distinguished Service to the Core Curriculum.

Belknap also has taught courses in Russian and comparative literature and literary theory and major Asian classics. He was acting Dean of the College in 1975 and also has been associate dean for student affairs, chair of the Slavic languages department and director of the Russian (now Harriman) Institute.

McKeown was torn between mathematics and literature as an undergraduate at Brown. She majored in comparative literature, but ultimately it was the computer science courses she took that led to her research and expertise in natural language processing. McKeown earned her Ph.D. from Penn in 1982.

She is the first woman to receive tenure and the first to serve as a department chair at SEAS. McKeown has received many awards and honors, including the

National Science Foundation Presidential Young Investigator Award in 1985, an NSF Faculty Award for Women in 1991, the American Association of Artificial Intelligence Fellow in 1994 and the Association for Computing Machine Fellow in 2003.

The Society of Columbia Graduates, formed 101 years ago, established the Great Teachers Award in 1949 to honor outstanding teachers, one each from the College and Engineering School. Recipients have included such illustrious teachers as Jacques Barzun '27, Mark Van Doren, Moses Hadas, Lionel Trilling '25, Kathy Eden, Kenneth Jackson, Alan Brinkley, Andrew Delbanco, David Helfand and many others.

For further information on the dinner and awards presentation, contact Andrew Gaspar '69E at 212-705-0153 or agaspar@gasparglobal.com, or Anna Longobardo '49E, '52E at 914-779-2448 or longbard@optonline.net, or visit the society's website, www.socg.com.

Alex Scharre '71

COLUMBIA ALUMNI CENTER



Second Annual Especially Open House October 21 and 22

The Columbia Alumni Center is always open to all alumni of the University, Monday through Saturday. But for two days this October, we will be *especially open*.

There are even more reasons to visit the Center during Homecoming weekend: refreshments, giveaways, a special athletics display, benefits help, and a chance to win prizes. You can also add your Columbia story to our alumni video project, Columbia University Close-Ups.

It's all happening October 21 and 22 from 8:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., leading into Homecoming and Family Weekend. We'd love to see you, so come on home!

COLUMBIA *alumni* ASSOCIATION 

College Fund Raises Record \$15.1 Million

In Michele Moody-Adams' first year as Dean of the College, alumni, parents, friends and Class of 2010 donors helped the Columbia College Fund exceed its Fiscal Year 2009-10 goal of \$14 million by more than \$1 million and set a record of \$15.1 million, including a one-time gift of \$1 million from the Estate of

Alfred J. Keppelmann Jr. '37. More than 11,000 donors contributed this year.

The Senior Fund also set a record with 92.7 percent participation, soaring past the Class of 2009 record of 90.5 percent. The Senior Fund, led by Director Amanda Kessler and Senior Fund Chair Adam Bulkley '10, raised more than \$18,000 for the College.

Parents stepped up, too. The Parents Fund, under the leadership of Director Susan Rautenberg and Co-chairs Francis and Jayanne Tedesco P'11, exceeded its goal, raising \$2 million, up from \$1.7 million last year.

The hard work of Fund Chair Mark L. Amsterdam '66, Fund Development Council Chair Craig Brod '77, Class Agent Program Chair Ira B. Malin '75 and all of the volunteer members of the College's committees played a vital role in exceeding the goal. College alumni trustees, the Columbia College Alumni Association and the Columbia College Board of Visitors, as well as the dedicated staff of the

Alumni Office under the leadership of Executive Director of the College Fund Susan L. Birnbaum, all were instrumental in the fund's success.

Unrestricted annual giving is a necessary ingredient in Columbia's success, providing current and immediately usable funds for the College's operations. The largest such application of unrestricted annual giving is financial aid, helping to preserve need-blind admissions and full-need financial aid. Annual giving also bolsters the student services and activities that enhance the quality of undergraduate life, and sustains the Core Curriculum. Gifts to the Columbia College Fund count toward the \$4 billion goal of the Columbia Campaign, which launched in 2005. This fiscal year the Columbia Campaign raised \$390 million in new gifts and pledges.

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Ethan Rouen '04

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IN MEMORIAM

Jack H. Beeson, the MacDowell Professor of Music (Emeritus), died on June 6, 2010. He was 88.

Beeson, a noted composer, began his affiliation with Columbia in 1945 and chaired the Department of Music from 1968–72. He played crucial roles in the founding of the D.M.A. program in composition and the Ph.D. program in ethnomusicology. Beeson was named the MacDowell Professor of Music in 1967 and awarded an honorary degree from Columbia in 2002.

Born on July 15, 1921, in Muncie, Ind., Beeson studied piano as a child and was drawn to opera early through the Saturday afternoon radio broadcasts of the Metropolitan Opera. He earned two degrees at the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, then moved to New York City, where he took private lessons with Béla Bartók and studied piano and conducting at Columbia. At Columbia, Beeson

often was the rehearsal pianist for the workshop that was supported by the Alice M. Ditson Fund and that gave the premieres of operas by Gian Carlo Menotti, Virgil Thomson, Ernst Bacon and other composers. Thanks to a Prix de Rome and a Fulbright fellowship, Beeson lived in Rome from 1948–50; there, he composed his first opera, *Jonah*, adapted from a Paul Goodman play.

Among Beeson's contributions to American music more broadly, he was co-president of Composers Recordings; chairman of the board of the Composers' Forum; member of the board of governors of the American Composers Alliance and the board of ASCAP; treasurer and v.p. for music at the American Academy of Arts and Letters, of which he was a distinguished member; and member of the Advisory Committee of the Alice M. Ditson Fund for 50 years, many of them as secretary.



Composer and author Nicolas Slonimsky described Beeson's approach to composition as "enlightened utilitarianism." That characterization delighted Beeson, who, *The New York Times* noted, "eschewed dogma, never fell in with any camp and drew from any style or technique that suited his musical and dramatic ends, especially in his 10 operatic works, which include *Hello Out There*, *The Sweet Bye and Bye* and *Captain Jinks of the Horse Marines*."

Among Beeson's best known works are the operas *Lizzie Borden* and *Dr. Heidegger*, but he also was noted for symphonic and song composition. He recently had completed two works; the last, *Kilroy Was Here*, is a song setting for baritone and piano of a Peter Viereck poem.

Beeson is survived by his wife, Nora; and daughter, Miranda. A son, Christopher, died in 1976. Condolences may be sent to the Department of Music, Columbia University, 621 Dodge Hall, MC 1813, New York, NY 10027.

Lisa Palladino

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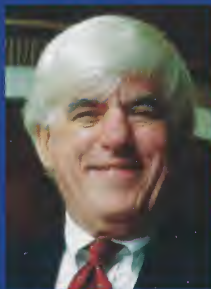


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"My life opened up when I came to Columbia," Case says. "I want others to have the same experience and that's why I put Columbia in my estate plan."

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Emlyn Hughes '87 GSAS is a professor of physics and the deputy chair of the physics department. His research involves searching for new physics at the Large Hadron Collider in Switzerland. Hughes earned a Ph.D. from Columbia and a B.S. from Stanford. He taught at Caltech for 11 years before returning to Columbia in 2006.

Where did you grow up?
I grew up in New Haven, Conn. My father also was a professor of physics, at Yale.

What did you want to be growing up?
When I was a kid I loved math. I wanted to be a mathematician. My sophomore year of college, during the Iran hostage crisis, I had to register for the draft. My father had worked on the radar effort at MIT during WWII and, as a result, was not drafted. He made the argument that you could end up fighting in a war or you could be a physicist. I fell for it.

What brought you to Columbia?
First of all, New York is fantastic. But one of the real reasons I came was the commute. The future of my field has moved to Geneva, Switzerland. There is a nine-hour time change from California [where I was working] to Geneva. Flying back and forth from New York beats flying back and forth from Los Angeles.

How often do you travel to Geneva?
When I'm teaching, I go every other month, but when I'm not teaching, it's every month. My entire research group is based there.

What are you working on?
I work on the Large Hadron Collider (LHC). It is perhaps

the largest science project in the world. The main focus of my group for the moment is looking for something called supersymmetry, one of the ways of possibly detecting dark matter. I have a group of four students and a postdoc who are analyzing data from the high-energy collisions produced by the LHC to search for new physics and new interactions. We hope that we might learn about dark matter. We know from astronomy that 90 percent of matter in the universe is something that we cannot see, but we know it's there.

How many people work on the Collider?
There are several experiments/detectors stationed around the

in Geneva doing research, and I will teach in the spring. I will teach for the first time in "Frontiers of Science," and I also will teach an introductory course on electricity and magnetism. Since coming to Columbia, I have been teaching the introductory physics course, first to pre-med students and now to engineers.

What are the challenges of teaching an introductory course?
The biggest challenge in teaching a large introductory physics course at Columbia is reaching students with enormously varied backgrounds, especially in terms of their training in math. A typical exam score in my class is 65 percent, and the

sons from a previous marriage who all are college-age. My goal is to get all of them to NYC.

What is something your students would never guess about you?
I take violin lessons.

How do you recharge?
Running. I ran the New York Marathon the last two years, and I will run it again this year. I'm 36 seconds away from qualifying for Boston, and I will really be gunning for it this year at the NYC Marathon.

What is your favorite spot in NYC?
The runner's answer is Central Park.

If you could be anywhere in the world right now, where would you be?
St. Moritz, Switzerland. It is a place that my mother went to as a child, before she had to leave Germany. It is one of the most beautiful spots imaginable, a small town built on a lake buried high in the Swiss Alps.

What's the last great book you read for pleasure?
Team of Rivals: The Political Genius of Abraham Lincoln by Doris Kearns Goodwin.

What on your resume are you most proud of?
In research, my greatest accomplishment was co-leading an experiment that made the most precise measurement of the "electroweak mixing angle." This is a free constant that must be measured to understand the Standard Model, our best theory on how matter behaves in particle physics.

*Interview and photo:
Ethan Rouen '04*

To watch a video of Hughes talking about the unfounded fear that the Large Hadron Collider would lead to the end of the world, go to www.college.columbia.edu/cct.

Five Minutes with ... Emlyn Hughes

17-mile ring. The one I work on is called ATLAS. There are more than 2,000 physicists working on ATLAS, and at Columbia, there are five professors working on it. In fact, Columbia co-leads the U.S. ATLAS effort.

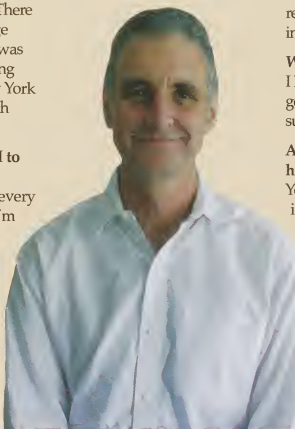
What will you be doing this semester?
I will spend a lot of my time

range of grades extends from 15 percent to 95 percent. As a teacher, I aim for the middle. Given the spread of talents and backgrounds, this makes a large fraction of the class unhappy. On the positive side, the diversity of the class and the broad range of interests make the course much more interesting to a teacher. I truly enjoy the variety of questions that I receive from my students, both in and outside of class.

What is your favorite food?
I love fondue and cheese in general. Greek food with feta is super-high on my list as well.

Are you married? Do you have kids?

Yes and yes. My wife, Ivana, is a lecturer in the chemistry department, and she currently teaches in "Frontiers of Science." We have two children, ages 8 and 5, who go to The School at Columbia. Our daughter studies ballet seriously and our son is learning to play violin. I also have three



ALUMNI IN THE NEWS

■ **Michael Dwork '00, '07 Business** won the first annual *Crain's New York Business* Perfect Pitch Competition, impressing the judges with the successful story of the eco-friendly dinnerware company he founded, VerTerra (www.verterra.com). He came up with the idea for a company that makes biodegradable dinnerware while interning in India during business school and seeing the resourcefulness of local people. VerTerra products now are sold in more than 1,000 stores and used in the Dallas Cowboys' stadium. Dwork "wowed the judges with his ability to tell the story of his business in clear, colorful anecdotes," according to an article in *Crain's* published on June 2. CCT profiled Dwork in March/April 2008: www.college.columbia.edu/cct_archive/mar_apr08/updates3.php.

■ **Hungry? George Shea '86** has a cure for that. Along with his brother, Richard, Shea is responsible for creating a sport out of stuffing one's face. The brothers, who head Shea Communications, created Major League Eating, the governing body of dozens of professional eating contests, including the Nathan's Famous Fourth of July International Hot Dog Eating Contest that is nationally televised by ESPN. But it's not just hot dogs that these athletes devour in massive



George Shea '86 revs up the crowd at the 2010 Nathan's hot dog eating contest.

PHOTO: MATT ROBERTS

quantities. In an article about the Shea brothers published in *The New York Times* on July 2, they get credit for more than 80 annual eating contests where 150 records, including "those for cow brains, cheese steaks, candy bars, cabbage, cannoli, crab cakes, corn dogs, cranberry sauce, crawfish and calamari — to name some starting with 'C,' have been created.

■ **Julia Stiles '05** will appear in 10 episodes of the upcoming season of the Emmy-nominated Showtime series *Dexter*. Stiles will play a mysterious woman who forms a relationship with the main character, Dexter, after his wife dies. In March, Stiles was honored with a John Jay Award for distinguished professional achievement: www.college.columbia.edu/cct/may_jun10/features01.

■ **Li Lu '96, '96L, '96 Business** was featured in a *Wall Street Journal* article on July 30 headlined, "From Tiananmen Square to Possible Buffet Successor." The article describes how Li went from being a student leader of the Tiananmen Square protests to earning three degrees at Columbia, building a successful career as a hedge fund manager and earning a place "in line to become a successor to Warren Buffett at Berkshire Hathaway, Inc." The *Journal* quotes Berkshire vice chair Charlie Munger as saying "It's a foregone conclusion" that Li would become one of the top Berkshire investment officials. Buffett turned 80 on August 30 and says he has no current plans to step down, but is open to "bringing on other investment managers while I'm still here."

Ethan Rouen '04J

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STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Dustin Martin '11 Showcases Indigenous Culture Through Fashion

BY NATHALIE ALONSO '08

Upon returning home to Albuquerque, N.M., after his first year at the College, **Dustin Martin '11** began printing Native American imagery on used clothing. Though it hardly seems like an ambitious undertaking at first, his creations take on a deeper meaning when Martin explains the message he intends to convey to those who purchase the clothes.

Martin, who is half Navajo, hopes his designs will kindle an interest in Native American cultures that will, in turn, combat stereotypes he has encountered, including in New York City, where he has been asked if he lived in a teepee while growing up in the reservation town of Gallup, N.M.

"At first it angered me, but then I realized many people don't get exposed to the contemporary Native," explains Martin. "We're modern citizens."

Martin sees fashion, an unconventional medium for Native art, as a means to overturning preconceived notions about indigenous culture.

"It's not just painted on a pot or woven in Navajo rug. It's something someone would be proud to wear," he says. "I hope [my customers] take interest in what they are wearing and take the initiative to learn more about Native art and indigenous people in general."

During the school year, Martin scours thrift shops across the city for clothing — mostly T-shirts — and accessories that he adorns and resells, with T-shirts going for \$15 apiece. He has sold approximately 65 shirts to date through word-of-mouth advertising. Most of his customers are acquaintances in New Mexico and fellow Columbia students such as Bayode Adafin '11.

"I liked the designs, but it's really about how excited Dustin was about his brand," says Adafin, who has purchased a couple of T-shirts from Martin.

"People have asked, 'What kind of shirt is that?'"

Martin's clothes feature Southwestern geometric patterns and Native motifs such as arrowheads. His method has evolved since he made his first prints using cardboard stencils and spray paint. After a friend introduced him to silkscreen printing during his sophomore year, Martin began printing shirts in his dorm room. He subsequently took two courses offered by the Department of Visual Arts — "Introduction to Printmaking" with Martin Basher '03 GS, '08 Arts and "Printmaking I: Silkscreen" with Seth Scantlen '08 Arts — in order to have access to a studio.

Martin has lofty goals for his line of clothing, which he calls S.O.L.O. (Sovereign Original Land Owners). He plans to reinvest the money he has made so far to grow the business and is working with a lawyer to create a formal business entity that would eventually allocate a portion of its profits toward improving quality of life for Native American communities.

A member of Columbia's cross country team, Martin was first inspired to launch a clothing line while running, which the Navajo tradition views as a means to achieving *hozho* (pronounced hoh-yoh), a term that, in the absence of direct translation, is often interpreted as a state of beauty and harmony toward which Navajos should strive.

"[Running] is a time to reflect on everything that's going on around me, which is huge in a place as hectic as New York City," says Martin, who runs daily. "It keeps me motivated and humble, because there's only so far I can push it before my body breaks down."

Martin began running competitively as a sophomore in high school when he became involved with Wings of America, a New Mexico-based nonprofit



Dustin Martin '11, shown here wearing a T-shirt he designed, sells clothing that he adorns with silkscreen prints of Native American imagery. He plans to donate a portion of his profits to indigenous communities.

PHOTO: BRANDON BRITTON

that promotes the sport as a way to empower young Native Americans. Among other initiatives, the organization sponsors Native runners ages 14–19 for the USA Winter National Junior Cross Country Championships, which are held annually in a different city.

Martin remains involved with the organization and spent the summer between his sophomore and junior years in the College as a facilitator for the Wings Running and Fitness Camps. In that role, he and his colleagues traveled throughout reservation towns in the Southwest conducting two-day camps for Native children. During those two days, Martin helped organize runs and outdoor games for the participants while discussing and encouraging healthy lifestyle choices such as staying drug- and alcohol-free.

"I stay close to my community and my Navajo roots with the help of running," says Martin, who spent last summer creating an inter-organizational report that chronicled the evolution of Wings of America and its current trajectory.

It was his involvement with Wings of America that led Mar-

tin to the College. Sponsored by the organization, Martin visited New York City in 2006 to participate in the National Junior Cross Country Championships, which were held in Van Cortlandt Park in the Bronx. It was after that competition that former Columbia associate head coach Chris Miltenberg first recruited him.

Martin enrolled in the College planning to major in political science but chose anthropology after taking a course with Professor Severin Fowles at Barnard that covered the pre-Columbian history of Native North American cultures. For his senior thesis, Martin is researching the relationship between running and *hozho* in Navajo culture.

"This term has always been explored in the anthropological community as something discreetly associated with Navajo religion. But it's not something that should be pushed to the religious realm. *Hozho* should be used to guide your life in every respect," explains Martin. "I'm looking at how running helps contemporary Navajos actualize their quest for *hozho* in everyday life."

Martin nonetheless believes that art and fashion are more useful than academics when it comes to his goal of discrediting misconceptions about Native Americans.

"I could write anthropological articles my whole life, but I would still be heard and read by a small community of academics," he says. "The same ideas can be articulated in a way that is not necessarily scholarly. I see Native art and clothes as a perfect medium for the message I want to convey."

Nathalie Alonso '08, from Queens, is a freelance journalist and an editorial producer of *LasMayores.com*, Major League Baseball's official Spanish language website.

CAMPUS NEWS

■ **MANHATTANVILLE:** In a unanimous decision announced on June 24, New York's highest court ruled that Columbia's long-term campus plan in the old Manhattanville manufacturing area may move forward as proposed. The Court of Appeals reversed a lower court's ruling and upheld the Empire State Development Corporation's power of eminent domain in this matter, agreed with the state's neighborhood condition findings and strongly affirmed the project's educational and civic purposes.

President Lee C. Bollinger said, "We are gratified by the court's unanimous decision and look forward to moving ahead with the long-term revitalization of these blocks in Manhattanville that will create thousands of good jobs for New Yorkers and help our city and state remain a global center of pioneering academic research."

Infrastructure work in the area is ongoing. The first phase of the project, scheduled for completion beginning in 2015, will include the Jerome L. Greene [26, 28L] Science Center, for research with implications for the treatment of Parkinson's, Alzheimer's and other neurological diseases; new homes for the Business School, SIPA and the School of the Arts. Later phases, expected to be completed around 2030, will emphasize interdisciplinary scholarship, including biomedical engineering, nanotechnology, systems biology and urban and populations studies as well as housing for graduate students and faculty.

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Student Life

A new spirit of community is building on Morningside Heights

BY DAVID MCKAY WILSON

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Back in the day, when freshmen like Joel Klaperman '67 arrived on campus in jacket and tie and wore blue beanies during orientation, Columbia College was

known as a place for rugged individualists who fended for themselves and took pride in doing so. Klaperman recalls how Manhattan's allure usually trumped on-campus activities. Links between alumni and students were rare at a time when many from the all-male student body commuted to campus from home.

More than four decades later, Klaperman, who hosted a dinner this spring at his home for award-winning seniors and alumni leaders, is contributing to a new spirit of community that has been building on Morningside Heights, where 96 percent of College and Engineering students now live on campus, advisers work closely with students who are now female as well as male (the College went coeducational in 1983), and events and programs are designed to build relationships among students,

faculty and alumni.

Driving this transformation is the Division of Student Affairs, which oversees many facets of the co-curricular experience, including student activities, residence life and student advising, as well

as parent and family programs, for both the College and Engineering. Also deeply involved in this effort are the Office of the Dean of the College, the Office of Academic Affairs, the Center for Career Education and the Alumni Office.

Of course, the College could not have achieved such success on its own.

Many University offices positively impact the student experience, including Housing and Dining, Health Services, Public Safety, Athletics, Community

*(Opposite)
Orientation leaders march with flags from every state and country represented in the student body, part of the pageantry of Convocation.*



Dean of Advising Monique Rinere takes questions during a summer advising session for incoming students and their families in Lerner Hall.



The College has made improving the co-curricular experience a priority.

Impact and many more. They, too, have redoubled their efforts in recent years to transform the undergraduate experience into the beginning of a positive lifelong relationship.

The Division of Student Affairs, which also includes the offices of undergraduate admissions and financial aid, is led by Dean of Student Affairs and Associate V.P. for Undergraduate Student Life Kevin Shollenberger, who has worked in the Student Affairs office since 1999 and became its dean in 2008. He has seen a change in student experience and alumni attitude.

"Surveys found that students here got a great education in the classroom and the Columbia degree carried prestige and opened doors for them, but they didn't feel connected to the institution," says Shollenberger. "Now we also are focusing on the student experience outside the classroom. It has been a definite evolution."

Dean of the College Michele Moody-Adams says the Division of Student Affairs has helped create a campus environment where students are comfortable exploring their intellect, developing social relationships and growing into young adults.

"The various services and support provided by our Division of Student Affairs — from advising to residential programming to support for student activities and student well-being — are all part of our effort to make Columbia College safe for reasonable risks of the appropriate kind," she says. "We want Columbia College students to succeed in the classroom and laboratory, in extracurricular pursuits and in their personal relationships."

Sarah Weiss '10 was an integral part of the community-building experience during her four years at Columbia, serving as v.p. policy for the CC Student Council. With support from Financial Aid, she helped create a weeklong program, called Common Cents, to discuss financial issues, such as what it means to be a high-need student on campus. She brought Columbia students to the South Bronx to work with a housing advocacy group called Mothers on the Move, conducted campus tours for prospective students, was senior coordinator of the Columbia Urban Experience and was on the board of Columbia Hillel, where she helped develop a program on women of faith with students from Hillel and the Muslim Students Association. Weiss also was a student member of the search committee that led to the hiring of Dean Moody-Adams and later helped the dean establish a series of regular, informal meetings with students.

Weiss speaks highly of the collaborative atmosphere at the College between students and administrators. "You have ideas, you throw them out and Student Affairs latches on," she says. "The spirit of student involvement is really celebrated here."

College offices are working together more seamlessly than

ever, but are their combined efforts really working? Are students happier with their co-curricular experience today than in years gone by? One measure of student satisfaction may be found in participation in the Senior Fund, the annual gift that graduating seniors make to the College.

In 1999, only 7 percent of seniors chose to donate to the Senior Fund. That percentage doubled the following year, and by 2012 a majority of seniors were making a gift. Participation reached 71 percent in 2003 and climbed steadily until last year, when a whopping 92.7 percent of seniors donated \$18,628 to the Senior Fund, setting records for both participation and dollars raised. While these

numbers may be evidence of increasing satisfaction with the Columbia College student experience, what exactly has led to such a great transformation?



Dean of Student Affairs Kevin Shollenberger presents the Edward S. Brainard Memorial Prize to Sarah Weiss '10 at the 2010 Class Day ceremony.

For more than a decade, the College has made improving the co-curricular student experience a priority. The effort begins long before students arrive on campus, as admissions officers travel the world to meet with prospective students and their families to introduce them to Columbia. Throughout the admissions process, admissions and financial aid officers work to craft a diverse body of students who are likely to have a positive experience in and out of the classroom. The Office of Academic Affairs supports this process by coordinating with faculty who are involved in recruiting applicants to the College and helping to yield the most promising newly admitted students. And the Center for Career Education

works with the admissions office to prepare students for what Columbia offers in terms of internship and career support.

Soon after students receive their acceptance letters, they are invited for Days on Campus, two full days of programming in April that offer the chance to meet students, faculty, administrators and alumni. Events include tours of the campus, Morning-side Heights and New York City, sample classes, resource panels and introductions to student activities. There also is a corresponding Perspectives on Diversity event to provide admitted students an opportunity to learn about and experience the diverse campus community in greater depth.

During the summer, Student Affairs partners with the Center for Career Education (CCE) and the Alumni Office to hold advising sessions for incoming students and their families in several U.S. cities, Europe and Asia, a program that has grown significantly in scope and expanded globally in recent years. This summer, nearly 60 percent of the Class of 2014 attended meetings in New York City, Boston, San Francisco, Southern California, Houston, Washington, D.C., Chicago, Honolulu, London, Beijing, Hong Kong, Seoul, Singapore and Bangkok.

At the U.S. sessions, students and family members split into two groups. Students learn from a Center for Student Advising

The Center for Student Advising helps students navigate their way.

(CSA) adviser about the undergraduate curriculum, academic expectations and degree requirements, how to receive credit for Advanced Placement courses taken in high school and who to turn to if calculus is either too hard or a boring repeat of what they learned in 12th grade. On the role of CCE at these sessions, Dean of Career Education Kavita Sharma says, "We participate in the summer advising program alongside the Center for Student Advising to encourage incoming students to engage in career planning early and frequently throughout their four years."

This emphasis on advising and support is a theme in the family sessions as well, where family members learn about the College, ways to support their student's transition to college and the city and how to be involved in their student's experience and the Columbia community while still helping their student develop independence and autonomy. "Parents and families are more involved these days," says Shollenberger, citing the growing use of cell phones, text messaging and social networks to stay in touch. "It's no longer just the Sunday night call from the pay phone in the hallway of the residence hall."

These summer meetings culminate with a new ritual that marks the beginning of the Columbia academic experience: an alumnus/a hands each incoming student a copy of *The Iliad*, which has been part of the Core Curriculum for decades. Students are expected to read the first 12 books of *The Iliad* during the summer and be prepared to discuss the poem when Literature Humanities classes begin in September.

When the 1,074 members of the College Class of 2014 arrived on campus in late August, there was no shortage of welcome events. On Monday afternoon, after spending the morning moving in to the residence halls, new students and their families gathered on South Field for Convocation. This formal ceremony welcomed them to Columbia with much pomp and circumstance, including greetings from the deans of the College and Engineering and a parade of colorful flags from each state and nation represented by the undergraduate student body.

Immediately following Convocation, students undertook an elaborate, nine-day New Student Orientation Program (NSOP, pronounced en'-sahp) to become acclimated to the campus and get a taste of the richness of New York City and its cultural scene. NSOP events are practical (campus tours, an introduction to Columbia's libraries and computer system, foreign language placement exams, a "Bed, Bath & Beyond Excursion"), adventuresome (walking tours of many neighborhoods, activities fairs and meet-and-greets with myriad campus student organizations), an open mic night at Roone Arledge Auditorium) and social (outings

grouped by residence hall floor, a showcase of campus performance groups, an event aboard the U.S.S. *Intrepid*).

Thomas Homburger '63, '66L, who hosted a summer advising session at the Chicago law firm, K&L Gates, where he is a partner, recalls the sense that it was "sink or swim" when he arrived on campus from Buffalo, N.Y., in 1959, cocky and full of pluck, but not as well prepared for Columbia's rigorous academic program as many of his classmates. After floundering for a while, he says he was lucky enough to figure out how to swim.

"There was move-in day, a short orientation and classes began," he recalls. "It was an overwhelming experience. After the advising

session in my office, I said to my wife, 'It's like night and day.' So much has changed."



Dancers from CU Bhangra enliven Low Plaza on Activities Day, when many of the more than 300 clubs and organizations attract incoming students to join their ranks.

Discovering one's passions, and finding the right courses or extracurricular activities to develop them, can be challenging. The Center for Student Advising, working in close partnership with faculty, CCE and other offices, helps student navigate their way. In August, the CSA moved into a much-anticipated renovated space on the fourth floor of Alfred Lerner Hall, consolidating staff previously located in five offices around campus. The new center includes offices, four seating areas, a sun-filled waiting room, a flexible conference space large enough for 70 people and several other conference areas.

The student advising system also has been streamlined, with students assigned an adviser in their first year who stays with them throughout their undergraduate career. Dean of Advising Monique Rinere says it's an improvement over previous systems, in which students were assigned a new adviser each year. In addition to their administrative adviser, students also are assigned a faculty adviser once they declare their major or concentration, usually in the second semester of sophomore year.

With primary responsibility for the undergraduate curriculum, supporting the faculty and upholding the academic policies established by the faculty, the mission of the College's Office of Academic Affairs has been immeasurably enhanced by its close working relationship with the College's Division of Student Affairs and, specifically, the CSA.

"The deans in our Center for Student Advising and the staff of Academic Affairs are in almost daily communication as together we guide and support students through their academic and curricular work," says Kathryn Yatrakis, dean of academic affairs and senior associate v.p. for Arts and Sciences. "From developing strategies, to assisting students who are facing academic difficulties, to identifying candidates for the most prestigious fellowships offered, the close cooperation of the two offices improves

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the academic experience of all students."

Rinere echoes this thought. "We want to create a seamless advising experience — both academic and non-academic — as we help students negotiate their way through the University," says Rinere, who came to Columbia in July 2009 after working in student advising at Harvard and Princeton.

To this end, advising students for the duration of their time at Columbia gives advisers the opportunity to better know their students, which helps in guiding them in pursuit of their passions. CSA advisers also specialize in connecting them with academic departments, internship and career advisers, and financial aid opportunities. Advisers also point students in the direction of events and programs related to their particular interests. Finally, having a good relationship with one's advising dean or faculty adviser can be crucial when a student needs a letter of recommendation for graduate school, Rinere says.

Isabel Broer '10 says she worked closely with Advising Dean Jay Orenduff during her four years at Columbia, meeting two or three times a semester. Sometimes she would stop by to ask specific questions: what classes to take, the consequences of dropping a class, how to approach choosing a major. Other times, she would stop by just to chat.

By senior year, when Broer was contemplating life after Columbia, she would meet with Orenduff to talk about her interests and potential paths, without worrying that he would push her in any particular direction. She says Orenduff asked questions that helped her reflect on what she was most passionate about, as a way of identifying what she really wanted to do.

Broer decided to teach in inner-city schools through Teach for America upon graduation and then attend law school, eventually specializing in education law. This fall, having deferred her matriculation at Columbia Law School until 2012, she is one of 38 graduates from the Class of 2010 teaching through Teach for America. Orenduff wrote recommendations for both programs and was a reference for her job in the Denver school district.

"I really felt like Dean Orenduff knew me, my work ethic and style, and what I was passionate about," Broer says. "I had no hesitation about asking him for letters of recommendation. I felt his goal was only to have my back, and the backs of hundreds of other students. Dean Orenduff was an adviser and friend, in the truest senses of the words."

Alex España, an advising dean at Columbia since 2001, says the new system was put in place after staff listened to student feedback about previous systems.

"Students told us they didn't want somebody new every year," he says. "These students really want relationships. They want to connect with somebody who knows their name."

Students are encouraged to take ownership of the process in order to achieve the best results. Toward this end, last year Rinere led an initiative called Community Conversations on Advising in which she and her staff met with students, faculty, advisers and other administrators to discuss reasonable expectations of both advisers and students in the advising process.

"We hope students develop a number of advising relationships over the course of their time here," says Rinere. "It's not a one-stop shopping experience. They need to develop multiple sounding boards — for study abroad, internships, research and life after Columbia. Students need to avail themselves of the wealth of advising available on campus."

For most students, this includes a visit (or many) to the lower level of the East Campus Building, where the Center for Career Education is housed and career advisers serve the University community in a number of ways. CCE partners with students

by providing individual guidance and advising to assist them in understanding ways to explore career areas of interest, make informed career decisions, conduct a job or internship search and develop skills that will enable them to navigate and change careers throughout their lifetimes.

"Collaboration with Student Affairs is essential, as we are all advising and working with the same students," says Sharma, who has been dean of career education since January 2007. "We work with the entire division to ensure that they have a good understanding of the offerings of the center

so that they can direct students where necessary and incorporate career advising into their interactions with students."



Robert Douglas '70 and Cristen Kromm (on red chair), assistant dean for community development and residential programs, meet with students as part of the Living and Learning Center programming.

Improving the experience of Columbia undergraduates beyond the classroom and professional pursuits also has been among the Division of Student Affairs' priorities. In 2009, Shollenberger established a Community Development team headed by Terry Martinez, dean of community development and multicultural affairs, to coordinate the work of four offices — Residential Programs, Student Development and Activities, Student Group Advising, and Multicultural Affairs. "Students had expressed a need for greater coordination of services that support co-curricular life and a desire to foster a greater sense of community," explains Shollenberger.

Martinez says advisers on her team help students develop leadership skills in the College's many student organizations, some of whose banners adorn the ramps in Lerner Hall. They can teach life skills: how to work in a group, plan an event, manage a budget, mediate differences of opinion and ultimately evaluate success. NSOP is one example of a program where students truly own what they work on; its leaders (who apply and are accepted to summer-long positions) spend the entire summer planning the many events listed

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in the NSOP Schedule Book students receive upon arrival.

Student organizations provide a niche for students looking to engage in politics, explore ethnic or racial issues, or perform community service in the greater New York City community. Students of color, for example, participate in a leadership retreat. In another program, called Under One Roof, students learn the skills required of living in a diverse community.

“Because Columbia’s campus community is so diverse, part of our role is to help students develop tools so they can thrive in a culture that celebrates differences,” says Martinez. “We want students to recognize where biases may exist and to support them in the difficult conversations that often result.”

Students are encouraged to not only participate in planned community-building activities but also explore interests that may initially appear outside of their comfort zone.

Carmen McClure ’12, a psychology major, discovered her passions through the Double Discovery Center, which serves more than 1,000 high-need, college-bound New York City teens in programs that improve their academic and personal skills. The DDC, which was founded in the 1960s, is not under the oversight of Student Affairs.

Last spring, McClure took DDC students to Columbia classes to give them a taste of college pedagogy. This fall, she’ll train Columbia students to work as DDC tutors and will meet monthly with the student volunteers to support their work.



Dean Michele Moody-Adams speaks with former student leaders Sue Yang '10 and Isabel Broer '10 at a campus event last spring.

Better communication and collaboration between administrators and students is a key underlying element in the improvement in student engagement.

When Moody-Adams arrived at Columbia in summer 2009, she was interested in establishing informal, unscripted monthly meetings with small groups of students. At about the same time, Weiss had proposed a similar concept to the Student Council. “The dean wanted to meet with students, and Student Affairs latched onto the idea and ran with it,” recalls Weiss.

The concept drew a huge response. Fifteen students were chosen at random from among 600 who expressed interest in sharing tea and conversation with the dean. The teas became a monthly event last academic year, with different groups of students attending each time. The dean plans to continue these informal gatherings with students in the future.

“The teas are not really about airing any grievances or concerns that students may have, though they certainly allow students to do that when they feel so inclined,” says Moody-Adams. “More important is that the teas provide a low-key environment in which students can talk about their experiences at the College, about how they see the world and what they care about, and about what things are working well at Columbia as well as what

things might need to be examined and possibly changed.”

During the academic year, the Community Development staff works collaboratively with students on campus issues and supports several hundred student organizations. Policies on cutting-edge campus issues, such as hosting controversial speakers, drinking at parties and gender-neutral housing, also are developed collaboratively among students and administrators. “There was a time when these issues could have created an adversarial relationship between students and the administration,” says Shollenberger, who says his focus in each instance is on developing the best policy for Columbia. “It used to be a very ‘we-they’ thing on many issues. We are working together now.”

For example, Student Affairs worked closely with the Inter-Greek Council on a policy, adopted in 2009, for social events in fraternity and sorority houses. Students wanted to defuse the tensions that arose over crackdowns on drinking by campus security.

David Salant ’10, an officer of Delta Sigma Phi, said the old policy didn’t work because fraternities were forced to hire costly security details and register parties weeks in advance. Rather than adhere to those policies, some fraternity parties went underground, which Salant says encouraged unsafe behavior.

The new policy allows fraternities to register parties five days in advance. The fraternities or sororities name three event monitors for each party to check IDs at the door and distribute wristbands to those 21 and older, who are allowed to drink. A maximum of 75

guests are allowed per party. Alcohol can be served to those 21 and older at a rate of one drink per hour, and parties must end at 2 a.m.

“We got more freedom in exchange for subjecting ourselves to higher standards,” says Salant, who now is an equity derivatives analyst at JP Morgan. “We wanted to show them we could run parties that were safe, and that we could be held accountable. It took a lot of faith on their part to trust a bunch of frat boys. We’re glad they did.”

For Shollenberger, resolved issues like this one have been central in a career in student affairs that included stints at the University of Hawaii at Manoa and American University in Washington, D.C. Developing good relations with students is a key to his success.

“We try to be very visible,” says Shollenberger. “We can’t just sit in our offices and expect students to come to us.”

Moody-Adams says Shollenberger’s encouragement of student engagement has paid dividends.

“He respects students and values their active leadership but also understands the importance of creating an environment in which they can remain safe in the exercise of their leadership,” she says. “He welcomes diversity of all kinds, and works hard to ensure that students give one another space in which to act on their diverse values and opinions, without harming others.”

"Shollenberger respects students and values their active leadership."

With nearly all students now electing to live on campus, the Office of Residential Programs plays an important role in shaping the Columbia experience outside the classroom. Part of the Student Affairs Community Development unit, Residential Programs strives to create an environment in the residence halls that complements the academic and co-curricular experiences students find elsewhere on campus.

Heading up this charge is Cristen Kromm, assistant dean for community development and residential programs. "Living in Columbia's residence halls is a critical part of each student's growth and development as they learn to articulate, and occasionally adjust, their personal needs within the context of community living," says Kromm. "The experiences afforded in Columbia's residence halls today promote students' intellectual, social, emotional, and interpersonal growth and development."

Kromm also notes how important it is to create a welcoming atmosphere where students feel comfortable. To this end, a dedicated team of trained professionals, graduate students and undergraduate students is in place to help residents explore passions and express individuality, while building a sense of community and "home away from home." Resident Advisers (RAs) facilitate conversations about community standards, encourage residents to work together to overcome differences, and, through a variety of programs and activities, make the Columbia residential experience the best it can be.

Mary Martha Douglas '11, who is in her third year as an RA in first-year residence halls, said during the summer that she was looking forward to making Furnald's eighth floor feel welcoming for students who may arrive on campus not knowing a soul and nervous about the upcoming academic challenge.

"I get to be the mother hen and help them branch out," says Douglas, who is living in Furnald this fall after working in John Jay and Hartley the past two years.

In mid-July, Douglas was planning door tags for first-years and beginning work on the bulletin boards. Last year, she created door tags from classic movie memorabilia, with student names emblazoned on replicas of film posters, movie tickets or Academy Awards. "It's good to have something fun to greet them and show them we care," says Douglas, a political science and anthropology major eyeing a career in political consulting.

Douglas also gives campus tours, visits high schools to talk to prospective students and assists with the Days on Campus program in April, when admitted students come for the weekend. She shares that she hoped to arrange a September bus tour of Manhattan and an evening of karaoke at a restaurant for her first-year floormates. She may also take her charges downtown by subway so they can experience walking over the Brooklyn Bridge, or devise a New York City treasure hunt in which they

are given clues to find certain locations around the city, like a restaurant in Chinatown without a sign out front.

"I'm a senior this year, so I really have to go out with a bang," says Douglas, whose father, Robert Douglas '70, met his wife-to-be, Barbara, at a Furnald mixer in the late 1960s.

Broer, who was Carman Hall's community adviser in 2009–10, headed a team that built community in that 13-story residence hall and across the entire campus.

"The first-year residence halls bring together such diverse students, from such different backgrounds," says Broer. "It's that diversity that defines Columbia, and it's a great experience to live with such a terrific group of people so unlike yourself."

Helping develop a community feeling in residence halls are faculty-in-residence who live among the students. Robert Harrist Jr., the Jane and Leopold Sweargold Professor of Chinese Art History, is among three faculty living in Columbia residence halls. He moved his family into a three-bedroom apartment with a terrace in East Campus five years ago. There, he and his wife, Weizhi, are raising their 10-year-old son, Jack, who attends the nearby Cathedral School. Harrist says he signed up for the assignment for two reasons: he likes students and he likes hosting parties.

Once a semester, the Harrists will arrange for a study-break party at 10 p.m., with pizza and sandwiches. On one Sunday night a month during the school year, the Harrists also host a dinner party for up to 20 students and faculty at their home, with one faculty member attending to speak with students about his or her academic and professional interests and pursuits. Guests last year included Nobel laureate Martin Chalfee and Dean Moody-Adams.

Harrist says living on campus has rekindled the campus spirit he felt while teaching for a decade at Oberlin College, which is located in a small town in Ohio. He had lived on the Upper West Side for eight years before moving into East Campus.

"Because there's so much to do in the city, that can sap energy from life on campus," he says. "These parties create an occasion to stay on campus. They give students a chance to socialize with the faculty and they help bring Columbia together."

Recognizing the value the faculty-in-residence program brings to campus life, Academic Affairs and Residential Programs are collaborating to select a faculty member to serve as the newest faculty-in-residence and who will reinforce the crucial link between the residential and academic components of student life.

Alumni play an increasingly prominent role in the campus community, thanks in large part to a renewed focus on the connection between students and alumni. Student and Alumni Programs was launched in 2001 as a formal function housed within Student Affairs, with the



When alumni present copies of *The Iliad* to incoming students, as Tao Tan '07, '11 Business did here in Lerner Hall, it represents a passing of the torch and an affirmation of the rich tradition of the Core Curriculum.

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mission of establishing and strengthening these lifelong relationships and developing greater kinship among Columbians across generations. Students benefit from access to the alumni network, including professional, educational and cultural opportunities, and witness the value of remaining involved as Columbians after graduation.

Student Affairs, the Alumni Office and CCE partner to organize a series of career-focused panels where alumni talk with students about their fields. On occasion, physicians who attended the College will speak about a career in medicine. At an event called Legally Speaking, alumni share their experiences as attorneys. Other panels have explored careers in journalism and the not-for-profit world. These events include questions from students and are followed by a networking reception.

CCE also offers students a multitude of opportunities to connect with employers and alumni interested in hiring Columbia students, through the formal on-campus interview program, career fairs, informal networking nights, employer site visits, structured summer internship programs (nationally and internationally) and online tools.

"Students get practical career advice that can be quite helpful," says Kathryn Wittner, senior associate dean of student affairs. But just as important, she says, students get to know alumni and understand the lifetime relationship with Columbia.

In exchange for giving of their experience and expertise to a younger generation of students, alumni feel a sense of continuity and a unique connection to Columbia. "Alumni genuinely enjoy spending time with students and learning about the experiences of a new generation of Columbians," says Wittner.

She adds that not all events are career-focused, and Student Affairs and the Alumni Office partner to plan events and initiatives that connect alumni with students and with one another in more casual settings.

Often this takes the form of a mentorship. College alumni of color may volunteer in a program that matches them with undergraduates of similar racial or ethnic backgrounds, while Columbia College Women, overseen by CCE, matches alumnae with female students. "Sometimes it's based on career interests, other times it's like having a big brother or big sister who can offer practical advice about living in New York," Wittner says.

Alumni and students also frequently meet for social occasions, such as for dinner in residence halls or in alumni homes. Last year, students who were unable to leave campus for the holiday traveled to Westchester to enjoy a pre-Thanksgiving dinner at the home of Rick Wolf '86. Frequently, alumni provide students with behind-the-scenes access to New York City sites, including the

United Nations, Lincoln Center, Gracie Mansion, the New York Stock Exchange, Radio City Music Hall and the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

The Alumni Parade of Classes reinforces the connection between students and alumni, affording alumni the opportunity to be part of the traditions of Convocation (when students first arrive to campus) and Class Day (as they prepare to depart) by carrying class banners in the processions. Having alumni distribute *The Iliad* to incoming students at summer advising sessions represents a "passing of the torch" and acknowledgement of the traditions of the Core Curriculum, while the alumni presence at the gala Senior Dinner reinforces the notion that a student's time on campus is only the beginning of his or her engagement with Columbia.

Brian C. Krisberg '81, '84L was the head resident in Carman Hall when the College became coeducational in 1983. He became active in the Columbia College Alumni Association more than 20 years ago and was its president from 2006-08. He's now vice-chair of the Columbia Alumni Association and is working to coordinate efforts among the University's alumni organizations.

"Columbia is such a different school from what it was 30, or even 15, years ago," says Krisberg, a partner in the NYC office of the law firm Sidley Austin. "We've come a long way, but there is still so much more that we

can do. It's not a time to rest on our laurels. We must continue to connect alumni with alumni, connect alumni with students and support Columbia students through the Columbia experience."

Shollenberger says the increased involvement by alumni is a crucial piece of the community-building effort that has brought the College into the 21st century stronger than ever. It begins with alumni handing *The Iliad* to incoming first-years and continues with graduating seniors receiving class pins from members of the 50th anniversary reunion class on Class Day. This interaction emphasizes that while students may spend four years on campus, they are lifelong members of the Columbia family.

"There's a growing sense of having an intergenerational community at Columbia," says Shollenberger. "The students learn early that they are part of a larger community — a growing network that supports them now and will be part of their lives in the future."



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U.N. official Fernando Ortiz Jr. '79 (standing, fourth from left) led students on a behind-the-scenes tour, including a chance to sit in delegates' seats in the Security Council chamber.

Erica Woda '04 Tries To Level the Field

By JOSHUA ROBINSON '08

It had been almost a decade since Erica Woda '04 took her first campus tour in Morningside Heights, a decade since she had been that impressionable recruit deciding, "Yep, this is where I want to be." And now, here she was, with a group of laughing, chattering, bouncing sixth-graders from Washington Heights, walking through the gates.

The chattering stopped and their eyes opened wide.

They slowly made their way along College Walk, taking in the grandeur of the buildings and the buzz of the campus. Woda spoke, as she always does, at a mile a minute, telling them what it means to be a student, where the classrooms are, how hard you have to work. The students, all from the Washington Heights Expeditionary Learning School, hung on her every word. One boy began taking notes, and Woda knew she

had made an impression. She had shown them the prize.

"These kids don't grow up in a culture of achievement," says Woda, who has taught at two schools in the Bronx and now is a P.E. teacher at the KIPP NYC College Prep School on West 133rd Street, just north of Columbia's proposed Manhattanville campus. "But hopefully, they're all going to be first-generation college graduates."

Woda's tool to get them there is sports. A former captain of the Columbia soccer team, she has spent the last two years building Level the Field (LTF; <http://levelthefieldnyc.org>), a free program for inner-city sixth- and seventh-graders to keep them busy on weekends while boosting their academic ambition.

On Saturday mornings, Woda and her team of volunteers pick up a gaggle of kids outside their school on West 182nd Street and shepherd them to one of Columbia's athletics facilities, where they



Erica Woda '04 founded Level the Field to try to keep youngsters physically active and academically motivated.

attend clinics for basketball, baseball and of course, soccer, all taught by student-athletes. On afternoons, LTF also takes them to Columbia sporting events at Robert K. Kraft Field and Levien Gymnasium. "The message is that athletics teach intrinsic lessons that cannot be taught by a textbook," Woda says, pointing out how much of her character was developed on the soccer field. "You can't teach a kid to be a leader, or a team player, or a good sport, by showing him or her a textbook."

But just to make sure they know textbooks are still important, the student-athletes then visit the kids at their school on Thursdays. Woda, LTF's organizer and worrier-in-chief, piles them into cabs heading uptown, where they go into the sixth-grade classrooms and preach the gospel of hard work.



Woda, a former Columbia soccer captain, used her school connections to get Level the Field going.

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LTF was born one afternoon in May 2008, as Woda was heading home. Walking along West 106th Street, she lingered behind the tall black fence surrounding a public soccer field. As she watched kids playing a rag-tag game instead of sitting on their couches, inspiration hit her.

"All these kids, they're out playing soccer," she says. "It's not structured, they don't have the best equipment, they don't know what they're doing, but they're out and they're having fun. It was one of those 'aha' moments."

And Woda has never been one to keep an "aha" moment to herself.

A self-described "crazy, passionate, all over the place, eccentric person," she immediately began firing off e-mails and making calls. She rounded up friends and reached out to her former coach, Kevin McCarthy '85, '91 GSAS. Before she knew it, Woda had cobbled together an advisory board and was holding planning meetings at the lunch tables in the Columbus Circle Whole Foods.

"You can't help but get caught up in the whirlwind of energy — it's a force — around Erica," McCarthy said. "Even when I recruited her, that energy was palpable."

Those who have latched onto LTF around Woda echo the sentiment. They tell stories of frantic calls and breathless explanations that they just couldn't ignore. As they listened to her talk so fast the words tripped over each other, people from all over Woda's Columbia universe offered to help in any way they could.

"Even if they have a lot going on, a lot on their plates, it's soccer and kids, so they come out," former roommate and soccer player Gui Stampur '04 said. With word spreading among generations of soccer alumni, he adds, people are starting to emerge from the woodwork.

Woda reeled in other coaches, such as Columbia baseball's Brett Boretti. She called on Stampur. She enlisted the men's and women's basketball teams, the men's and women's soccer teams and the baseball team. She recruited Fernando Perez '04, who has played for the Tampa Bay Rays and now is in their farm system. The athletics department even offered to make

its facilities available for free — though that didn't stop Woda from once trying to book a field eight months in advance.

"The Columbia University community has completely adopted this program, completely embraced it," she says.

Eighteen months of scrambling after Woda came up with the idea and \$30,000 later, LTF was ready to hold its first event. It kicked off with a soccer clinic on Halloween weekend last year, with no guarantees that any kids would show up — especially when Woda had a feeling that soccer might not be the most popular sport in the urban neighborhood. Only seven came, yet Woda was thrilled. The first session, small as it was, had come together.

Woda and LTF's COO, Julia Nozov, believe that the only way they can really gauge LTF's impact is attendance, especially since nothing is mandatory. They are not yet in a position to track grades or classroom behavior, but they know that if kids are coming to the clinics, they certainly aren't playing video games. Before every clinic, Woda spends entire evenings on the phone trying to remind parents about it. She even buys a MetroCard for one girl who cannot afford the \$5.50 round trip from Washington Heights. But after a year, excitement is growing inside the school. Eighty-seven kids are currently enrolled in the program, with 20-25 regularly attending on Saturdays. This fall the program's capacity grew to 190, as it opened up to seventh-graders.

"Kids spread news like wildfire," Woda said. "Whether it's the pizza, whether it's the train ride, who knows what the incentive is that brings them out? But for the most part, if I reach a parent or if I reach a kid the night before, they generally have nothing going on."

Once the kids are under Woda's watchful eye, the fretting subsides and the pace finally slows. The anxiety of waiting to see whether anyone turns up melts away. For a few hours, there are no more parents to call or athletes to corral. For a few hours, Woda gets to put down the crucial green binder full of permission slips. All that matters is making sure the kids have fun, until it's time to start counting heads again and take them home through the subway maze. For now, in the friendly blue confines of University Gymnasium, she can concentrate on demonstrating the drills and applauding the goals.

"It's a bit of relief and it's a bit of excitement to see all the work that goes on in the background come to fruition," Woda said. "When we're actually at a clinic or a game, that's when I get to relax a little."



To watch a video of LTF at work, go to www.college.columbia.edu/lctt.

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The Difference You Can Make

John Kluge: Stories



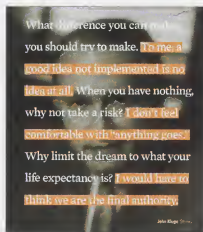
For Columbia readers, John Kluge: Stories is a rare sort of find: a collaboration between a College father and son (**John W. Kluge Sr.** '37 and **John W. Kluge Jr.** '05). Kluge Sr., well known for his philanthropy to Columbia and other institutions, is chairman of Metromedia Company. Kluge Jr. works in the Office of the President at the EastWest Institute in New York.

In 2005, John Kluge Jr. decided to get to know his father a little better. After graduating from the College, he moved in with John Kluge Sr. at his house in the south of France for the summer. As he writes in a humorous, deft introduction: "What I had in mind was a Tuesdays with Morrie-type of experience" — long discussions of life and love, "dreams and poetry," shared meals and of course "bad jokes." But the recording apparatus he was using inhibited them both and made their talks "strained and awkward." He abandoned his attempts to tape. Instead, they started playing cards to pass the time. "Mondays with Kluge was not a book that would ever be written," Kluge Jr. jokes.

But as they played gin, the father talked and the son scribbled notes, "mostly on the back of gin-scoring notebooks." What emerged from those notes was a detailed, common-sense self-portrait in Kluge Sr.'s own words. Kluge describes how, as a young child in Germany, he used fluctuating postwar prices to make a small profit on the shopping errands he ran for his grandmother. He remembers arriving in America with his mother and learning English from Webster's Dictionary to survive: "I wanted to be John Kluge. Nobody other than my family called me Johannes anymore." He recalls cutting lawns for money and then hiring other boys as workers to grow the revenue. Even in his childhood stories, the streak of business savvy that would distinguish him later already is obvious.

Still, before he became a businessman, Kluge Sr. decided, he would need a college education. "I wanted to get more tools for bettering myself," he puts it. In the following excerpt from John Kluge: Stories, he tells how he came to attend the College — and how he flourished there.

Rose Kernochan '82 Barnard



John W. Kluge Jr. '05
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My stepfather didn't believe in education.

He wanted me to stop going to school after the eighth grade. That was all the education he thought necessary for a young man. He wanted me to go into the painting business with him. He already had his own children working for him, so I knew I would always be a second-class citizen. I would always be under his thumb. I convinced him to let me go on to high school, at least for one year. And so I skipped part of eighth grade and went straight to high school.

I left home at fourteen.

After my first year of high school, my stepfather still wanted me to quit and join his business. I wanted to get more tools for bettering myself and he didn't believe in that, so I left home at fourteen.

There was no big scene. I still stayed in contact with my mother, and I never had any dislike for my stepfather. I was never really mad at him, because if it weren't for him, I wouldn't have come to this country and I would have been in Hitler's army.

Over the years, I don't know whether I was looking for a father, but I had a number of older men who were very generous with their time and advice. I listened to them, and they were good substitutes. Allen Crow was one. Teddy Prentiss was another. Elmer Auden, Judge [Allan] Campbell. These were all men I respected and learned a lot from. But my stepfather, after I finished my first year in high school, said, "No more schooling." I either had to go into business, or I would have to leave home. I chose to leave home.

I was never afraid of making a decision.

It was an immediate decision, even though I didn't know where I was going to sleep the first night. I was never afraid of making a decision, regardless of the consequences. For a few days, I slept at the school and washed cars for food money. I waited until after dark so I could shower with the hose. Then I went to the home of one of my teachers, Gracia Gray DaRatt. She taught typing and shorthand in high school, and I took her classes and became quite proficient, which served me well.

I washed Mrs. DaRatt's car, and she asked me what I was doing. I said, "Well, I've left home," and I told her why and she took me in. She was a great woman but not someone to make a show. She said, "Here's the refrigerator, here's your bedroom, here's your bathroom," and that was it.

At fourteen, you're a boy. Between fourteen and eighteen, I became an adult. I grew up very

fast. While there was never any pressure, I wanted to be what Mrs. DaRatt wanted me to be, and that was an outstanding student who would go to school beyond high school. She was a remarkable woman, and she encouraged me. She opened up my world. Remember, I was still rather constricted, in every way — in language, in religion, in education. She taught me manners, "the graces." She even introduced me to American foods, such as the baked potato. Corn. She was a very bright woman but quite pragmatic. Not a lot of warmth on the surface. If I had a cold she wouldn't say much, you know. She didn't pamper me at all, and that's good. She hoped that I would be an independent spirit, which she was. Tough American stock. She was all black and all white, nothing in between, and as you're growing up that might be a very good influence.

I listened to them and I learned.

I remember Mrs. DaRatt would have people over — doctors, businessmen, judges. I listened to them and I learned. Allan Campbell was a friend of hers. He was a judge, the founding dean of the Detroit City College Law School, and one night Judge Campbell was talking to a realtor about a piece of property he owned. You have to remember this was during the Depression, and the judge was going to lose some money on this property. And I remember this distinctly. The realtor said, "Well, you can do so and so and save some money." The judge said, "Oh, yes, I can do that legally — but not morally."

Things like that, these were sign posts to me. It's not how successful you are. Did you do it without being either a con artist or a person who was so burned up with success that anything goes? I don't feel comfortable with "anything goes." Never have, never will.

You know, the teacher said an interesting thing to me once. She said, "John, you're one of the few people I know who can learn from other people without going through the experience yourself." I felt that what they said — the judge, all these others



James Lin and John Kluge, with three of the Detroit civic leaders who organized their tour of the city. (Lin, center front; Kluge, back, to the right of Lin.)

— was so important, so meaningful, I could and should apply it to myself. It became important to do that.

Living with Mrs. DaRatt, little by little I formed a conclusion that I wanted to be somebody but not on the basis of cheating or fooling people. It's been a principle I've lived with; I've always been much more interested in substance than perception. If the substance is right, I feel that everything is right.

What difference you can make, you should try to make.

In the sands of time, individuals make very little difference. But what little difference you can make, you should try to make. That's what I'm going to put on my tombstone, because there's too much avarice in the world, I think. There's too much competition for things that don't mean much in the long run. If you make a contribution that makes the world better, not only are you somebody, but you're implementing. I don't want to hurt anybody, and I don't want credit for it. I am not oriented toward getting credit. And so much of that came from the teacher.

In 1953, I was in St. Louis. I'd just closed a deal, buying a radio station in Clayton, Missouri, and I got the news of Mrs. DaRatt's death. I was the only person at her funeral. It was in the winter time, in Fairhaven, New York, and cold. I had to really take the gravediggers to task, because it was so cold they didn't want to get out of their hut. I remember so distinctly driving away, and I cried but the tears just froze, it was that cold. Bitter, bitter cold.

She was an inspiration for me. All my life I keep her memory.

I wanted to go to Columbia because it was in New York.

And not because it was Columbia. I knew I'd need a scholarship so I called Allen B. Crow, who was head of the Detroit Columbia Club.

[The following is Mr. Crow's recollection of the conversation, many years later.]

I received a phone call at home one evening. The caller asked, "Is this the president of the Columbia Alumni Club?"

I said, "Yes, it is."

"Do you have a scholarship available?"

"Yes, we do."

"Well, I want it."

"Do you have any money at all?"

"No, but I'll earn the rest. I'm willing to work my way through. But I want your scholarship."

Well, I admired the boy's pluck.

"These hands will pull me through."

I applied for the scholarship and it came down to two fellows: Ed Litchfield and me. Ed was on the debating team, and he was very well-versed in the English language, while I really was not. I wore rough clothes and he was very refined. We both went to Mr. Crow's house for the interview and I said to Mr. Crow, "I'd like to be interviewed second, if you don't mind." So Ed was interviewed first. When Mr. Crow got to me, he asked various questions, the usual things. We were in his sun parlor. Then, as I'm walking to the front door, I turned and walked back. I said, "Mr. Crow, I don't know whether I'll get this scholarship, but I want you to look at my hands." They were very rough because I did a lot of work with my hands. I said, "I don't know whether I'm going to get this scholarship but even if I don't, these hands will pull me through." Well, I think that took Mr. Crow so by surprise.

I still think Litchfield should have gotten the scholarship. But he didn't get it. I did. Litchfield went to the University of Michigan. You know, he became president of Carnegie Tech at a later time. He was an outstanding fellow, certainly better material than I was.

I had very little chance to get the scholarship but I did.

The point is, I always felt that I could work my way through, and I did. I didn't feel the world owed me anything. As a matter of fact, I consider that, even today, a weakness. The world doesn't owe anybody anything, because it's all within yourself. I can't remember where I ever complained about my life. I always thought my life was wonderful. I really did, even when I didn't have a penny.

But I can't understand, even today, why anybody in this country who has his health can complain, because there are always opportunities. If somebody wants to work in this country, they can find work. Oh, sure, it may be cleaning windows, maybe cleaning sewers — whatever — but you can find a job.

When I got the scholarship,

I wrote back and said it

wasn't enough.

I was realistic enough to know that I needed an increase for me to go to New York. If they wanted me, they would do that; if they didn't want me, they'd say no and I would have to live with it. Mrs. DaRatt said, "You know, they're just going to tell you it's been nice to have made your acquaintance, but you go somewhere else because you're too rich for our blood." But that's the chance I took.

Well, they gave it to me, but it took a month or so to find out. That schoolteacher, she and I would stop at the post office every day — Box 63 at the Ferndale Post Office — and I would look into that little window for a white envelope with blue printing, and one day there it was. I came out to the car, a little Ford, and I showed the letter to Mrs. DaRatt. She said, "I'll bet they turned you down." I said, "I'll bet they didn't." And they didn't. They gave me the double scholarship.

I learn every day, even now.

Going to school is predominantly to discipline your mind. It's also to encourage you to go on learning throughout your life. I learn every day, even now. Children have a sense of awe and that's something we should never lose as adults. The people who have the attitude of knowing everything are sad cases. A scholar knows that when he knows everything, he shuts his mind to anything new.

I think a person needs curiosity, and a sense of enthusiasm. It doesn't matter what you're enthusiastic about. To be enthusiastic is to be a participant. It's a sign you're alive.

I remember getting ready for Columbia.

Mrs. DaRatt said, "You've got to have a tuxedo, and even tails," and she found some for me. I was standing at the tailor's as they were downsizing the tuxedo and the tails when I heard one of them say, "Isn't it too bad that so-and-so died?" So I knew these clothes had belonged to someone who was dead. I could never wear them.

My first roommate was Henry Galbraith ['37], from El Paso, Texas. I kept telling him, "Henry, you go to dances and all this, you really ought to have a tuxedo and tails." I finally sold him the whole outfit for twenty dollars: five dollars down, five dollars a month. I didn't need a tuxedo after all. Beautiful material in it, though. The lining was pink.

I came to Columbia with fifteen dollars, and I left with seven thousand.

To get my scholarship, I had to really work — get all A's and that sort of stuff. When I went to college I didn't care. I didn't care about the Phi Beta Kappa or any of those things, because I had three or four jobs while I was in school and a lot of times I wouldn't sit down to my studies until midnight. I came to Columbia with fifteen dollars, and I left with seven thousand. I guess I got a B-average. That didn't bother me. I got what I wanted, and it wouldn't make any difference what my grades were, as long as they were passing.

I was always selling something.

At graduation they had a cemetery full of headstones for everyone in the class, with quotations on the stones. On my stone they put, "I'm wiser: I sold my body for fertilizer." I was always selling something.

I was a pricer at the John Jay Dining Hall, so I got my three meals.



Gracia Gray DaRatt with what may be the car Kluge bought for her with his contest winnings.

I had a stationery business. Every freshman who comes in wants to write to his friends, or his girlfriend, or his family, on the stationery of Columbia, with his name or his initials and the year he graduates. Being a pricer at the dining hall, I was able to say to students, "Is this your first year?" Yes. "Have you got any stationery?" He might say no. I'd say, "Give me your room number. I'll be up to see you." So being a pricer also gave me a place to sell stationery.

I gave personal service. I brought the stationery to them when it was finished. I did that, also, to collect the money. The printer wanted to get paid right away, so I had to collect the money right away.

In 1938, the *Detroit Times* had a contest, and I won second prize — \$2,000. That was a lot of money then! I used part of it to buy Mrs. DaRatt a car.

I also cleaned motor rooms in boats on the river. I would work cleaning engine rooms on Saturday and I'd have grease all over me. It took half a day to get rid of the grease. I didn't want to come up to the Columbia campus with all that grease.

I represented a shoe company, and I would go around the campus with one shoe under my arm. A guy said, "That's a good-looking shoe," and I'd say, "Come on up to my room. I've got the other one there." I represented a clothing store on 114th Street, and I got my clothes at a very deep discount.

Nothing really bothered me, because I needed the money to exist. Being a pricer, I got my meals. With the scholarship, I got my room and tuition and books. Any clothing I needed, any other money I needed, I got from the stationery or the odd jobs. And all the ways I raised my money were honest ways.

I am open to anything that im- proves the human condition.

I was never a card-carrying Communist. But I believed in the idea that everyone should contribute. Norman Thomas influenced me

greatly. I heard him the first time when I was in high school; I was mesmerized by him. But, you see, the Communists started burning books and all kinds of things at Columbia, and that's when I left that idea.

I've never liked the establishment because I'm not interested in the status quo. As a matter of fact, change is what I really like. I'm not attached to things. I have things and I like them but if I lost them, I would still feel happy inside myself. In that respect, I'm a revolutionary.

In today's politics, I'm neither a Republican nor a Democrat. I am open to anything that improves the human condition. I'm fiscally conservative because someone has to pay for it. In that way I'm a conservative, but not many others.

I learned a lot from Jim Lin.

Grace DaRatt said, "John, you're going to go far, because you listen." Actually, I listen a great deal more than I talk. I was secretary to the son of the President of China, and I studied the Mandarin language for six months. James Lin was son of Lin Sen, the president after Sun Yat-Sen and Chiang Kai-Shek.

I learned a lot from Jim Lin. One day we were taking the subway, and you know in New York it's a rush for the subway. He said, "How often do these subways come?" I said, "Every three minutes." He said, "So we'll wait three minutes." He taught me a lot about patience. And, you know, it paid off later. We had a cellular operation in Shanghai, the largest city in China — thirty million people then. The Chinese government said, "Look, we don't want you to own our system. We don't want outsiders to own any part of our telecommunications." I agreed heartily. I said, "I understand your policy." They paid us back ninety million plus interest. Some companies want to fight it. My feeling is, you never fight the Chinese. They have the patience of Job, and they would tie you up so you would never get what you wanted. It's better to give in to their request, and so you learn.

Jimmy Lin was one of my best customers for the stationery business, and I invited him to come to Detroit with me over the winter break in 1933.

When we pulled into Michigan Central in Detroit, the shades in the sleeping car were all down. I put up the shade, and I saw all of these people out on the platform. And, I said to Lin, "There's got to be somebody important on this train." Little did I think it was for Lin, you know.

Detroit Heaps Honors on Columbia Students; Ford, Chrysler Fete Son of China's President

Excerpts from *Detroit Times*, January 1934

Jim Lin and John Kluge Receive Keys to City, View Art, Relics, Society. Rival Magnates to Entertain Pair on Holiday Visit

"... Were Jim and I surprised!" said Kluge last night, speaking of the rousing welcome. "For while there I was kind of worrying about entertaining Jim right ..."

... Then the short-trousered dining hall cashier told how he and Lin became close friends.

"I first met Jim while making the rounds of the dormitories trying to sell stationery. He nearly bought me out the first night I saw him ... Four weeks before the Christmas vacation began I asked him to come to Detroit with me. Jim is doing graduate work in economics, and I thought he'd be interested in taking a look at the automobile plants ... On the train," continued Kluge, "I was worried, trying to figure out just how Jim was going to like being mauled [sic] around in a Detroit street car. An executive from Chrysler Motors solved that problem by telling us that the private car of Walter P. Chrysler would be at our disposal through the holidays. There are only eighty cars in the world like Mr. Chrysler's, and the queen of England has one.

"While we were dining at the home of my guardian, Mrs. Grace DaRatt, Mr. Crow read out our schedule for the holidays. I had no appetite that day. How could a fellow eat after being told he was to meet Henry Ford at dinner?"

On the list of social engagements were visits to the Chrysler, Ford, Dodge, and Packard plants, which Lin insisted on inspecting carefully. The bland Chinese was interested in the mass production methods employed.

"That's what we're going to have in China," he told an interviewer ... [Kluge fainted during a tour of Parke-Davis Drug company.] "They took me to the infirmary," he said. "And they let me have the prettiest nurse I've ever seen. When Jim saw her, he wanted to swat himself on the head and get in the bed right beside me, but the directors wanted him for lunch."

We agreed to meet in Baghdad.

Another of the fellows I met at Columbia was Baba Ali, who was a son of Sheikh Mahmud Barzanji, the exiled king of Kurdistan. We agreed to meet in Baghdad at noon, August 14th, 1936. That summer I visited Cairo. I went to Israel, which was Palestine then. There were camels on the streets in Tel Aviv. I traveled all around the region but on August 14th, there I was in Baghdad, on Rashid Street, which is the main drag. Then it was just a dirt road, like a frontier town in a Western. I'd said I'd be there and I was — but he wasn't!

Well, Baba Ali did show up finally, with his driver, and we drove across the desert in his Cadillac, up to his family's home. I lived a month up in the hills, in Kurdistan. They treated me very well, though I remember one night we visited a Moslem holy man, removing our shoes at the door, of course. He brought me grapes. "Here, infidel, eat," he said. "You are a welcome guest in my house."

You know, it was quite an experience.

I was a gambler.

I gambled with sugar heirs from Cuba, anyone who wanted to play. One day the dean of Columbia College asked me to come to his office. He said, "You know, we don't understand you. You're

gambling all night and you're here on that scholarship." I said, "Dean, you'll never catch me gambling again." That's the first time I realized the dean of Columbia College didn't understand the English language. I didn't say I wouldn't gamble again, I said he'd never catch me again.

I remember playing stud poker and five card, with the first card down and the next four up. One night I had a five up and the next card was a five. The two after that didn't mean much but the third card was a five — three fives. Just as the betting was really getting hot, there was a knock on the door. We had all agreed that as soon as there's a knock, all of the cards will go under the table and be cancelled out. So the cards went away and I opened up a book. The door opened and believe it or not, it was a guy who had a headache and wanted some aspirin. I never knew that a headache could be transferred that quickly. So ever since, there have been three fives always landing in my mind.

When I bought the DuMont television stations, they had a Channel 5 in New York and they had a Channel 5 in Washington. I went up to Boston to buy their Channel 5, and I borrowed the money, two hundred and twenty-two million. I said, "You've got a week to decide," because I didn't want them to shop the station and run up the price. And that's how I got the three fives together for Metromedia.

They took my appendix out for no reason.

My roommate introduced me to beer. I was pretty woozy from that first drink. We came back to the dormitory and I went to the lavatory — there was just one common one on each floor. Well, I looked in the bowl and there was blood. I ran down to our rooms and I said to my roommate, "I'm dying!"

We went directly to St. Luke's Hospital and they took my appendix out. I was there ten days and when I came back, we had a powwow on the floor. This one fellow asked me, "Why did you go to the hospital?"

I said, "I was bleeding, the night of so-and-so."

He took me down to the lavatory and he said, "Which stall?" I showed him. He said, "That's the night I had a nosebleed." They took my appendix out for no reason. But while I was there, I met a very nice young woman, a nurse there, and we went out for some time. So something good came out of it.

"Outstanding people want to be with outstanding people."

Columbia, I think, is a great institution. Nicholas Murray Butler [Class of 1882] was president of the university while I was there — both before and after, until the 1940s. One time, I asked him, "Dr. Butler, how is it you're able to keep some of these professors here?" He said, "I'm going to tell you. Outstanding people want to be with outstanding people. They don't want to be alone. It doesn't stimulate them." I think he's right, and Columbia's had some great people.



Lin, Allen B. Crow, Kluge. Crow was the head of Detroit's Columbia University Club, which awarded Kluge a scholarship and then doubled it. Crow remained Kluge's lifelong friend and supporter.

When you have nothing, why not take a risk?

There was a professor, Armin K. Lobeck, and he was in geology. He mesmerized me, my second year at Columbia. He made geology so interesting. I thought I would become a geologist — specifically, a paleontologist — and would probably work for an oil company, traveling the world. But in my third year and then, reinforced by my fourth year, I thought it over and I decided I wanted to go into business. I think basically I always wanted to go into business, but this geology course was so interesting. Professor Lobeck made it so interesting, that I darned near changed my mind. If I'd gone in that direction, I can tell you one thing — I would have been a wildcatter. My instincts are always to take a risk. I like taking risks. I guess it's like an addiction. My addiction is taking a risk. When you have nothing, why not take a risk? You can only fall on your face.

I know this sounds crazy, but I don't really like a sure thing. It doesn't give me any excitement. As I got older, the risks became more calculating. I felt they would be worthwhile, they would succeed, and it often turned out that way.

And though I like risks, I don't go into them unprepared. I think about them a lot, and I try to read as much as I can. I'm an information junkie, a news junkie. I paid nine dollars once for a *New York Times* in Iran. I gather information and I consult with my people but then I have to make that decision.

Most often, I make it on the basis of — will we add something to this business? I am oriented to improving a product or service. Just me-too business, that's not interesting to me. Every business I've ever been in, my thoughts were always to improve what they're doing. It might not be successful, but I love taking a risk. I really don't like a sure thing. That doesn't give me any thrills.

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Bookshelf

Over There by Dr. Robert Schoenfeld '55. Schoenfeld, who earned his medical degree from a Swiss university, recalls the experience of living and studying in Europe (AuthorHouse, \$35.20).

At the End of the Day: Selected Poems and an Introductory Essay by Phillip Lopate '64. Lopate has compiled a series of original poems about friendship, young love and life in New York (Marsh Hawk Press, \$16.95).

Equity Valuation for Analysts & Investors by James Kelleher '76. A step-by-step guide to determining the monetary value of any asset (McGraw-Hill Professional, \$75).

Not Even Past: Barack Obama and the Burden of Race by Thomas Sugrue '84. In three essays, Sugrue analyzes the role of race in the development of Obama's intellectual and political attitudes (Princeton University Press, \$24.95).

Theory after Theory: An Intellectual History of Literary Theory from 1950 to the Early 21st Century by Nicholas Birns '88. The author outlines the trends that emerged in literary criticism during the second half of the 20th century (Broadview Press, \$26.95).

The Feeling of Kinship: Queer Liberalism and the Rationalization of Intimacy by David L. Eng '90. Eng examines the intersection of race, politics and economics in the modern gay rights movement (Duke University Press, \$23.95).

Asylum: Inside the Closed World of State Mental Hospitals by Christopher Payne '90; foreword by Oliver Sacks, professor of neurology, psychiatry and the arts. Payne's photographs illustrate the physical and functional deterioration of the large, state-funded mental institutions built throughout America during the late 19th and early 20th centuries (The MIT Press, \$45).

The Pickup Artist: The New and Improved Art of Seduction by Mystery; foreword by Neil Strauss '91. Advice and strategies for men seeking to attract single women (Villard, \$22).

The Secret Miracle: The Novelist's Handbook edited by Daniel Alarcón '99. Established authors share their thoughts on the technical features and stylistic elements that make for good fiction (Holt Paperbacks, \$16).

Marathon: The Battle that Changed Western Civilization by Richard A. Billows, professor of history. Billows describes the Battle of Marathon and the lasting consequences of the Greek victory (Overlook Hardcover, \$30).

Empire and Nation: Selected Essays by Partha Chatterjee, professor of anthropology. This collection of essays explores the development of nationalism in postcolonial India (Columbia University Press, \$29.50).

Commerce Before Capitalism in Europe, 1300-1600 by Martha C. Howell, the Miriam Champion Pro-

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The Imaginary Institution of India: Politics and Ideas by Sudipta Kaviraj, professor of Middle East and Asian languages and cultures. The author examines political and social developments in India from a philosophical perspective (Columbia University Press, \$29.50).

The 'Woman Question' and Higher Education: Perspectives on Gender and Knowledge Production in America edited by Ann Mari May, foreword by Alice Kessler-Harris, the R. Gordon Hoxie Professor of American History in Honor of Dwight D. Eisenhower. This collection of articles explores the historical prejudices and modern rationalizations that contribute to the devaluation of women's intellectual abilities (Edward Elgar Publishing, \$35).

The Ask: A Novel by Sam Lipsyte, assistant professor of creative writing. Lipsyte's protagonist is a disillusioned former working in the development office of an unnamed New York City university (Farrar, Straus and Giroux, \$25).

Climate Change: Picturing the Science by Gavin Schmidt and Joshua Wolfe; foreword by Jeffrey D. Sachs, the Quetelet Professor of Sustainable Development, professor of health

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Living Room: A Novel by Rachel Sherman, adjunct assistant professor of creative writing. Sherman's debut novel follows three generations of women in a Jewish family on Long Island (Open City books, \$14.95).

Super Sad True Love Story: A Novel by Gary Shteyngart, assistant professor of creative writing. The setting for this satirical love story is a dystopian version of New York in which podcasts reign supreme and reading is considered passé (Random House, \$26).

Freefall: America, Free Markets, and the Sinking of the World



David Rakoff '86 Makes Pessimism Sound Positive

By YELENA SHUSTER '09

I feel a little bit like I finally took my top off," David Rakoff '86 says about his new essay collection, *Half Empty* (Doubleday, \$24.95), as we sit in his airy, book-lined apartment in NYC's Union Square. The NPR contributor and best-selling author worries that his most recent work is far more revealing than his first two books, *Fraud: Essays* (Doubleday, 2002) and *Don't Get Too Comfortable: The Indignities of Coach Class, The Torments of Low Thread Count, The Never-Ending Quest for Artisanal Olive Oil, and Other First World Problems* (Doubleday, 2005).

"I'm emphatically not a memoirist. I do write personal essays, usually not so much about my life. *Half Empty* is more about my life," he says. "It makes me uneasy because of the broader cultural development that I see in writing itself. The glut of memoir that's on the shelves right now shows that notions of craft have become secondary to the harrowing nature of the story. I'm far more invested, perhaps far too invested, in being thought of as having a flair for language. I don't want to be known for the particulars of my biography."

But Rakoff, 45, is such a talented writer, and *Half Empty* such an amusing read, that the addition of essays ranging from his childhood as a short, unpopular "shrimp" to his second bout with cancer are only made richer by the personal detail — he writes as deftly about himself as about any of his other subjects. Whether he's skewering the musical *Rent*'s unrealistic depiction of AIDS or exposing Disney's outdated "House of Tomorrow," Rakoff spares no one from his sharp cultural critique — least of all himself.

Half Empty is full of hilarious stories in defense of pessimism, a subject near and dear to Rakoff's neurotic, self-deprecating heart. When *Don't Get Too Comfortable* reached *The New York Times*' bestseller list, his reaction was, "Oh, well, it's not going to be on next week." And when describing its success to me, he quipped, "Look, I'm super-proud of it. It's a lovely thing and it's all about changing the obituary." On his acceptance to Columbia, he says: "I was in the last all-male class to be accepted. The standards were a lot lower — or that's what I tell myself."

Rakoff's essays, which delve into everything from his teenage summer at an Israeli kibbutz to his attending a porn convention on assignment, make self-criticism an art — but charmingly so, where in the end you only empathize with his "shrimpy" self even more. And he's just as charismatic in person as he is on the page. The Canadian native has a natural skill for making strangers feel at home (something he has attributed to his upbringing as the son of a psychiatrist). Within the first minute of arriving at his apartment, he offers me something to drink, sets



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strawberries and peanuts on the table, and then asks me about my Russian name, when I graduated from Columbia and if I have a boyfriend — all before handing me coffee. Before I knew it, the subject was interviewing me on my own assignment.

Rakoff's career can be traced to his years on Morningside Heights. From Dante to Shakespeare, the books of the Core Curriculum pepper his writing. He credits his CC professor, Constantin Fasolt, for introducing to him the primacy and importance of language; his freshman composition professor, Wendy Graham, for teaching him the value of re-writing; and his Japanese professor, Mary Hue, for instilling in him a dogged work ethic. And because of Columbia's gay-friendly environment, he stopped hiding a major part of his identity when he came out in his senior year.

The East Asian studies major developed lifelong friends while working on Columbia theater, including Jeanine Tesori '83 Barnard, a composer for the musical *Shrek*; Alexa Junge '84 Barnard, a writer for Showtime's *United States of Tara*; and Adam Belanoff '84, an executive producer and writer for TNT's *The Closer*, all of whom he worked with on *The Varsity Show*. Rakoff's theater background served him well when *The New Tenants*, a film he starred in and adapted for the screen, won an Academy Award for Best Live Action Short Film this year.

For someone whose name is said in the same breath as David Sedaris and Ira Glass, Rakoff's rise to literary fame didn't come easily or quickly. His first book of essays was published when he was 36 — after 13 years of working at a full-time job in publishing, starting in downtown theater productions and freelance-writing for everyone from the *Times* to *GO*. Even though *Half Empty*'s subtitle is "WARNING!!! No Inspirational Life Lessons Will Be Found In These Pages," Rakoff insists on telling recent grads that success has no deadline.

"Being young, I remember very, very clearly the extreme pressure I felt to achieve early and prodigiously. There is so very little profit in peaking early. Your life and your experience is richer when you're older," Rakoff says.

"Believe me, I understand the world you're in. I know that you're going to, on a daily basis, or at least weekly, find yourself at a party where a colleague or classmate will say something that will consume you with jealousy and you will feel like you will never catch up. You will catch up. There really is no map."

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Economy by Joseph E. Stiglitz, University Professor. Stiglitz denounces *laissez-faire* economics and argues for increased market regulation on the part of the U.S. government. [Editor's note: See May/June "Columbia Forum": www.college.columbia.edu/ctc/may_jun10/

columbia_forum3.j] (W.W. Norton & Co., \$27.95).

Mismeasuring Our Lives: Why GDP Doesn't Add Up by Joseph E. Stiglitz, University Professor; *Amartya Sen*; and *Jean-Paul Fitoussi*. The authors explain the limitations

of gross domestic product as a measure of economic success and propose alternative ways of assessing prosperity (The New Press, \$15.95).

The Selected Papers of John Jay, Volume 1: 1760–1779 edited by

Elizabeth M. Nussoll. A collection of correspondences spanning the education and early career of John Jay (Class of 1764) (University of Virginia Press, \$85).

Grace Laidlaw '11

Obituaries

1937

Lloyd D. Flint, physician, Myrtle Beach, S.C., on February 2, 2010. Flint was born on March 25, 1917, in Paterson, N.J. He was a graduate of Yale Medical School and a WWII veteran, having served as a medical officer aboard the *USS Shrewport*. During his career in Boston, Flint's pioneering work in the diagnosis and surgical management of adrenal gland diseases was widely published in medical literature and surgical texts. He staffed several post-graduate courses for the American College of Surgeons and in 1973 was president of the New England Section of the American Urological Association. Flint originally retired to Myrtle Beach in 1982 after a 35-year career as a urological surgeon at Boston's Lahey Clinic. He then accepted a clinical professorship at the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston until 1990. In Myrtle Beach, Flint was education director for the Long Bay unit of the U.S. Power Squadron. He also was a judge of the Boxer dog breed. Flint and his wife, Mary Dreher Flint, founded the Flintwood Kennels of Boston, having raised many champion Boxer breeds. Flint was predeceased by his wife in 2008 and is survived by his niece, Eleanor Dreher.

1938

Alan D. Kandel, retired social work executive, architect, West Bloomfield, Mich., on August 21, 2009. Kandel earned a degree in 1942 from the School of Social Work and served in the Army during WWII. He lived for 18 years in Shaker Heights, Ohio, working for the Jewish Community Federation of Cleveland as director of community relations. Relocating to Detroit in 1968, Kandel was assistant executive director and director of budgeting and planning for the Jewish Welfare Federation of Detroit. After retiring in 1984, he pursued a career as an architect, contributing to two books about the Jewish history in Detroit published by Wayne State University and wrote numerous articles for the Jewish Historical Society. Kandel was a founding member and past president of the Institute of Retired Professionals of the Jewish Community Center. He was recognized for a lifetime of contribution to the Detroit Jewish community by Jewish Welfare Federation. Kandel was predeceased by his first wife, Bernice, and elder son, Anthony. He is survived by his second wife, Carol; son, Jonathan '72; and two granddaughters.



Edward S. Liska '38

Edward S. Liska, retired adult and child psychiatrist, San Francisco, on January 10, 2010. Liska was born on May 15, 1916, in Putnam, Conn. He worked in textile mills as a child. Liska earned an M.D. from Tufts and completed a residency in adult and child psychiatry at UC San Francisco. During WWII, he was a Navy flight surgeon for the Marine Corps. Liska later was an assistant clinical professor in psychiatry at UCSF and was the medical director of Edgewood Children's Center in San Francisco for 35 years. He was one of the few Polish-speaking psychiatrists in the Bay Area. Liska traveled the world extensively, read profusely and enjoyed gardening. He was an avid woodworker who made furniture and inlaid boxes, and trivets out of cork. Liska was predeceased by his first son, Robert ("Butch"), brother, Theodore, and sister, Phyllis Janket. He is survived by his wife of 67 years, Claire (née Carter); children, John and Ann; son-in-law Peter Rockwell; and three grandsons. Memorial contributions may be made to Tufts University School of Medicine, Office of Development & Alumni Relations, 136 Harrison Ave., Boston, MA 02111.

James W. Stitt, sales and advertising manager, Easton, Pa., on January 12, 2010. Born in Cleveland on April 25, 1916, Stitt entered with the Class of 1938 but instead earned a degree in 1938 from the Business School. He was a member of Phi Gamma Delta. Stitt became an assistant sales manager for Safeguard Corp. and an engineer with Leeds & Northrup. During a 20-year career with the Dixie Cup Co., he was sales promotion manager, advertising manager and director of administrative services. He also was an advertising manager with Rodale Press. A lifelong golfer, Stitt won seven club championships and qualified for the USGA National

Amateur Championship. He was extensively involved with several Jaycees clubs; a board member of the Hotel Easton, the YMCA and the Salvation Army; and an avid traveler. Stitt is survived by his wife of 70 years, the former Dorothy Gladys Jewett; and son, Thomas Sr. An older son, James, predeceased him. Other survivors include two grandsons; five granddaughters; and several great-grandchildren. Memorial contributions may be made to The University of Missouri for the Stitt Memorial Fund, Department of Geology, Attn.: Marsha Huckabay, 101 Geology Bldg., Columbia, MO 65211.

1939

Merrel P. Callaway, clergyman, Charleston, S.C., on January 31, 2010. Born in Dublin, Ga., on January 5, 1916, Callaway graduated from the Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Pennsylvania and attended Harvard. He served as a Baptist missionary to the Middle East and North Africa from 1945-86. During his missionary service, Callaway led international congregations, was principal of a school, helped found a hospital, taught English and ran a bookstore. He was preceded in death by his first and second wives, Elizabeth Fountain Callaway and Arlene Jensen Callaway. Callaway is survived by his daughters and their husbands, Sharon and Carl Knechtel, Susan and Brent Anderson, Joy and Blake Godbold, Star and Richard Dority, Margaret and Jeff Pearson, and Martha and Drew Whitson; 16 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. Memorial contributions may be made to the International Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention c/o First Baptist Church of Charleston, 48 Meeting St., Charleston, SC 29401.

1940

Willard N. Failing, ophthalmologist, Ulica, N.Y., on May 25, 2009. Failing earned a degree in 1943 from P&S. He was a WWII Army veteran and served as a doctor for an artillery unit. Failing practiced in Brooklyn, N.Y., and Ulica, N.Y., and was interested in lifelong learning.

Theodore S. Hecht, magazine correspondent, Forest Hills, N.Y., on January 1, 2010. Hecht grew up in the Flatbush section of Brooklyn, N.Y., went to Boys H.S. and at 16 entered the College, where he was a member of Tau Epsilon Phi. Hecht was briefly enrolled in a master's program at



Theodore S. Hecht '40

Columbia studying Indo-Iranian languages but his studies were cut short by WWII. He served in the European theatre as a sergeant in the Army-Air Force. In 1944, Hecht married Ruth Hertz; she predeceased him in 2001. After the war, Hecht was employed as a Washington correspondent for *Life* magazine. Subsequent to that, he worked in the independent magazine business. Hecht loved hunting, trapshooting, fishing, bird watching and hiking. Two of his favorite magazine projects were editing *Fresh and Salt Water Fishing* and *Guns and Game*. Hecht and his wife also enjoyed NYC's culture, music and art. He is survived by his children, Michael, James '71 and Pamela.

1941

James W. Cronenberg, engineer, Midland, Texas, on January 1, 2010. Cronenberg was born in El Paso, Texas, on February 4, 1919. He entered with the Class of 1941 and then became a member of the Class of 1942 at the Engineering School. Cronenberg was commissioned an ensign in the USN Reserve in May 1941 and immediately ordered to active duty. After completing a course in aeronautical engineering at NYU, he was sent to USNAS Pearl Harbor, arriving in October 1941. Cronenberg survived Pearl Harbor and remained on active duty for 5½ years, serving at Naval Air Stations, CASUs, CASDs and on aircraft carriers. He retired as a commander from the Navy Reserve after 20 years. Following WWII, Cronenberg worked for El Paso Natural Gas for 37 years in Arizona, New Mexico and Texas, retiring in Midland, Texas, in 1983. He married Helen Quigg on October 26, 1946; she preceded him in death in 2007. Cronenberg is survived by a son, Steven; daughter, Nancy Boothe; two granddaughters; and son- and daughter-in-law, Diane Cronenberg and Stephen Boothe. Memorial con-

tributions may be made to St. Luke's Methodist Church [Midland, Texas] General Fund.

T. Hall Keyes III, dog breeder, handler and trainer, Ridge, N.C., on January 6, 2010. Born in New York City, Keyes owned and operated Nanhall Pet Resort and Training Center in Greensboro, N.C. Previously, he had been v.p. of City Stores. Keyes enjoyed spending time with his family and devoted his life to breeding, training and showing dogs of many breeds, but he had a lifelong passion for German Shepherds. He was the father of the late Scot and Mark; and brother of the late Dale. Keyes is survived by his wife, Frances; children, R. Dean, T. Hall, Hayley and Scott; brothers, Noel and Glen; 12 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren. Memorial contributions may be made to Alzheimer's Foundation of America, 322 Eighth Ave., 7th Fl., New York, NY 10001.

1943

Bernard Amster, physician, West Hollywood, Calif., on December 4, 2009. Amster was born on February 16, 1922, in New York City. He served in the Army from 1943-45, entered Cornell University College of Medicine after the war, earned an M.D. and in 1951 moved to Los Angeles. As a family practitioner, he served thousands of patients for more than 50 years, practicing mostly in the underserved sections of the Crenshaw district and South Central Los Angeles. Amster enjoyed sailing, Chinese cooking, antique cars and many aspects of art and science. He was preceded in death by his first and second wives, Ruth and Lois, and daughter, Mary. He is survived by his children Lynne, Robin, Janis, Andy, Peggy, Doug, Nancy and Jim; several grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Clifton C. Field Jr., retired editor and speechwriter, Brunswick, N.J., on November 30, 2009. Field was born in Natchez, Miss., and raised in New York City. He attended DeWitt Clinton H.S. and served in the Army Air Corps in Saipan during WWII. In 1946, Field met and married the former Georgiana Penttarge, moved to Montclair, N.J., and joined Western Electric. During his 38-year tenure at the company, Field was editor of a number of company publications, wrote position papers and speeches, and for a time was company press spokesman. He was an active volunteer in Montclair government as well as an avid reader. Field enjoyed canoeing the Delaware River with his daughters, and summers on Martha's Vineyard. In retirement, he spent several summers studying Spanish in Madrid and bicycling in Europe. Field was

predeceased by his first wife and is survived by his second wife, Freela C. Field; daughters, Martha Cagwin, Georgiana Devine and Barbara Field Curry; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

1944

Frank C. Marshall, Rye, N.Y., on February 8, 2010. Marshall was born on November 5, 1922, in Queens, N.Y. He was a WWII Army veteran, serving as a first lieutenant in the Medical Corps stationed at the Pentagon. Marshall was an avid golfer, voracious reader and a lover of classical music. He is survived by his wife of 46 years, Patricia (Survey) Marshall; children, Laura Allen and her husband, Joel, and Suzanne Vickerson and her husband, Anthony; and three grandchildren. Memorial contributions may be made to the Make-A-Wish Foundation or The Lustgarten Foundation.

1946

Jack L. Orkin, retired attorney, Miami, on January 15, 2010. Orkin was born in Port Chester, N.Y. He earned an M.S. in 1946 from the Business School and a J.D. from the Law School in 1949. Orkin was admitted to the Bar in New York, Oklahoma and Florida and to the U.S. Supreme Court of Claims and Tax Court. He was among the first group of Florida attorneys to be board-certified in estate planning and probate. After private practice in New York City, Orkin was the attorney adviser for the U.S. Tax Court for 2½ years. He subsequently focused his practice on personal and business tax law. In 1958, Orkin joined the Florida firm of Blackwell, Walker and Gray, where he rose to senior partner. He also was the national attorney for developers of Oil of Olaf for 10 years. After retiring to Sarasota, Orkin and his wife, Ann, became members of The Lifelong Learning Academy. She survives him, as do daughters Deborah H. Steinfeld and her husband, Steven, and Laura B. Orkin and her husband, Lonnie; and five grandchildren. Memorial contributions may be made to Tidewell Hospice and Palliative Care Fund Development, 5955 Rand Blvd., Sarasota, FL 34238.

1948

Vincent G. Quinn, retired professor, Seattle, on December 21, 2009. Born in New York City in 1926, Quinn moved to Seattle in 2006. During WWII, he served in the Army Intelligence Corps, studying and then teaching Japanese. Quinn married Esther Casier in 1951. He earned a Ph.D. in 1959 from CSAS and retired as a professor of English from CUNY Brooklyn College, where he had been chairman of the department and received a Great Teacher Award. Quinn authored two books, *Hart*

Crane and *Hilda Doolittle*. He is survived by his wife; sons, Stephen and Thomas; four grandchildren; four nephews; and a niece. Memorial contributions may be made to the Brooklyn College Library, Brooklyn College, CUNY, 200 Bedford Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11210.

1950

James L. Garofalo, physician, Essex Fells, N.J., on February 26, 2010. Born in Newark, N.J., Garofalo grew up in Bloomfield and lived in Essex Fells for 30 years. He earned an M.D. from Hanam University and an M.S. from the School of Public Health (1953). Garofalo was a family physician for many years, with offices in West Caldwell. He served in the Air Force as a captain, pilot and doctor in peacetime as well as in the Coast Guard Reserve. Garofalo loved flying and belonged to the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association and the Experimental Aircraft Association. He is survived by his wife, Carolyn (née Clark); children, Jim and his wife, Terry, Lisa and Alexander; two granddaughters; brother, Robert, and his wife, Nina; sister, Joyce Ranucci; and a niece. Memorial contributions may be made to Eagle Flight Squadron, 143 New St., East Orange, NJ 07017.

Harvey M. Radey Jr., retired Army lieutenant colonel and hospital administrator, Clarksville, Ga., on December 24, 2009. Radey was born on August 8, 1923, in Amarillo, Texas. He served with the Army in WWII and retired from the service as a lieutenant colonel. Radey's hospital administration career spanned from Pennsylvania to Clifton-Fine Memorial Hospital in Star Lake, N.Y., from which he retired. He was a former administrator of Frisbee Memorial Hospital in Rochester, N.H., and a member of Fellowship Church in Baldwin, Ga. Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, Harvey III and Cindy Spence Radey; daughter and son-in-law, Susan Radey Wyrick and Benny Lee Wyrick; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

1951

John W. Garrett, transportation safety research expert, Asheville, N.C., on January 14, 2010. Born in New York City, Garrett served in WWII with the Army with the 14th Armored Division, known as the Liberators for their repeated success freeing German concentration and Allied POW camps. He was awarded two Bronze Stars. After military service, Garrett graduated from the College and began work in accident research at Cornell. Subsequently, he was the director of accident research at Calspan Corp., and Cornell Aeronautical Laboratory in Buffalo, N.Y. Gar-

rett was a pioneer in transportation safety research, and his work demonstrating the effectiveness of passive restraint systems in automobiles resulted in seatbelt requirements for all cars in 1966. He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Mary Margaret Higgins; children, John and his wife, Janet, Eileen Dunne and her husband, Robert, Brian and his wife, Judy, Maureen, Jean MacKenzie and her husband, Stuart, Daniel and his wife, Maria, Julia Salzmann and her husband, Peter, and Michael and his wife, Patricia; 24 grandchildren; sister, Ethel Higgins; and brother, Francis. Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association of WNC, PO Box 42453, Charlotte, NC 28215 or Care Partners Hospice Foundation, PO Box 25338, Asheville, NC 28813.

1952

Karl R. Lunde, retired professor and gallery director, New York City, on December 27, 2009. Lunde was born on Staten Island on November 1, 1931. He earned an M.A. and a Ph.D., both in art history and archeology, in 1953 and 1970, respectively, from GSAS. Lunde's dissertation was on 19th-century Romantic painter Johan Christian Dahl. Lunde was for many years director of The Contemporaries gallery on Madison Avenue. He taught art history as an instructor at General Studies from 1957-70 and as a professor at William Paterson University from 1970-96, from which he retired. Lunde specialized in American painting and sculpture, Asian art, prehistoric art and the Romantic art of Scandinavia and Germany. A frequent contributor to professional and scholarly journals, he was the author of *Isabel Bishop* (1973), *Richard Anuszkiewicz* (1976), *Robert Kipniss* (1980), *John Day* (1984)

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Columbia College Today, Columbia Alumni Center, 622 W. 113th St., MC 4530, New York, NY 10025.

Dr Robert N. Butler '49, '53 P&S, Gerontologist and Author

Dr. Robert N. Butler, a physician, activist and visionary, and president and CEO of the International Longevity Center-USA, died on July 4, 2010, in Manhattan. He was 83.

Butler was born on January 21, 1927, in New York. His parents separated when he was 11 months old, and he was raised by his grandparents in Vineland, N.J. Butler served in the United States Maritime Service before matriculating at the College, where he was the editor of *Spectator* in 1948-49. He credited the College and the Core Curriculum for giving him his start in the academic world and helping him to think broadly across disciplines. Butler continued his education at Columbia, earning a degree from P&S in 1953, after which he did his residency at UC San Francisco. In 1955, Butler became a research psychiatrist at the National Institute of Mental Health, where he studied the central nervous system in elderly people, work that became part of a large study of aging. Butler also helped Ralph Nader investigate problems in nursing homes.

He was a U.S. Public Health Service surgeon from 1955-62; had a private practice in the Washington, D.C., area; and was a researcher and gerontologist at the Washington School of Psychiatry from the early 1960s-1976. Butler taught at several medical schools, including those at Georgetown, How-

ard and George Washington.

Described by many as the "father of gerontology," Butler was the founding director of the National Institute on Aging, in 1975, and won the Pulitzer Prize for his 1975 book, *Why Survive? Being Old in America*, in 1976. He founded Mount Sinai's Department of Geriatrics and Adult Development in 1982, the first such department at a U.S. medical school. Butler coined the term "ageism" to describe discrimination against the elderly and advocated for them before Congress and the United Nations. He was the first to identify and describe the "life review process," a naturally occurring, universal mental process characterized by the progressive, conscious return to past experience. President Clinton named Butler the chairman of the 1995 White House Conference on Aging.

Butler wrote several books, including *Sex After Sixty*, co-written with his late wife, Myrna I. Lewis Ph.D. '65 SW, '00 SW; *Aging and Mental Health: Positive Psychosocial and Biomedical Approaches*, co-written with Lewis and with Trey Sunderland, and *The Longevity Revolution: The Benefits and Challenges of Living a Long Life*. His most recent book, *The Longevity Prescription: The 8 Proven Keys to a Long, Healthy Life*, was published in May.

Class president Fred Berban '49 said of his classmate, "Bob Butler was a very special human

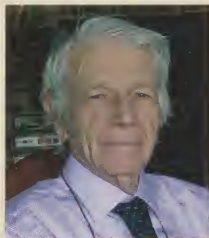


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being who contributed so much to the world about the problems of aging but always in such an optimistic and upbeat way. He was a giant in the field of geriatric medicine, a proud Columbian and devoted member of the Class of 1949. Last year, at our 60th reunion, we honored him for his lifelong dedication to the problems of the elderly. We will miss him greatly."

CCT profiled Butler in January/February 2009 (www.college.columbia.edu/cct/jan_feb09/alumni_profiles). He is survived by his daughters, Christine Butler and her husband, Richard Guest; Carole Hall and her husband, Brooks ("Boots"); Cynthia Butler and her husband, James Gleason; and Alexandra; as well as six grandchildren, including Brendan Gleason '07. Memorial contributions may be made to Robert N. Butler Charitable Trust c/o Cynthia Butler, 3211 Homewood Rd., Davidsonville, MD 21035.

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and Nat Neujam (1986). Lunde was predeceased by his partner, Roy Moyer, and is survived by his brother, Asbjorn '47, '49L.

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George M. Thomas, retired geologist, Houston, on October 20, 2010. Thomas was born on April 8, 1932, and earned a master's in geology from the University of Oregon. Following graduation, he married Sally Jean Passmore and went to work for Humble Oil (Exxon) in Eugene, Ore., as a geologist. During his 36-year career with Exxon, Thomas moved his family to Chico, Calif., and Los Angeles, then in 1969 to Houston, where he retired in 1992. Thomas enjoyed activities related to

music, singing, photography, gardening, fishing, biking and community service. Among other things, he participated in Stephen Ministries and Taping for the Blind, was a docent at the Museum of Natural Science, tutored at the local elementary school and volunteered with the Lions Club. Thomas is survived by his wife of 52 years, Sally; sons, Steve and his wife, Paula; Scott and his wife, Susan; four grandchildren; sister, Pat Reno, and her husband, James; stepson, Judy Beaton; stepbrother, George Pickering; and numerous nieces and nephews. Memorial contributions may be made to MDUMC Music Ministry, 12955 Memorial Dr., Houston, TX 77079.

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John L. Rigatti, physician, Sturbridge, Mass., on January 11, 2010. Rigatti was born in New York City on April 7, 1934. He graduated from Albany Medical School in 1959 and completed his internship at Brook Army Hospital, San Antonio, Texas, and his residency at Dow AFB, Bangor, Maine. Rigatti was an Air Force veteran. He practiced medicine for more than 50 years and was a member of The American Association of Family Practitioners. Rigatti was instrumental in the development of the family practitioner's program at Harrington Memorial Hospital, where he served two terms as chief of staff. He is survived by his

wife, Ellen (Forrest) Rigatti; sons, Paul and his wife, Jane, Gary and his wife, Laurie, Thomas and his wife, Cathleen, and Matthew and his wife, Janna; daughters, Marianne, Michelle and her husband, Jack Shoemaker, Cynthia and her husband, Brian Ashe, and Melissa and her husband, Paul Farrow; 11 grandchildren; brothers, Frank and his wife, Karen, and George and his wife, Armdia; sisters, Catherine and her husband, Albert Loffredo, and Teresa. Memorial contributions may be made to the Leopold Schepp Foundation, 551 Fifth Ave., Ste 3000, New York, NY 10176.

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Stephen D. Schenkel, TV writer, producer and executive, New York City, on January 11, 2010. Schenkel was an Emmy-nominated television writer, producer and network executive who earned his reputation as a creative force and innovator by producing *All My Children*, *Another World* and *Edge of Night*. He was co-creator/creative consultant on *Ryan's Hope* and ABC's *After School Specials*. Schenkel was an executive at NBC, CBS, ABC and Benton & Bowles. He developed and produced a full spectrum of entertainment programs and Discovery Channel documentaries. Schenkel married Penny Bergman in 1990 after meeting her on the set of *All My Children*. Survivors include the families of Ellen and Cantor Tyrone Bauer, and the Bergman and Gottlieb-in-laws. Memorial contributions may be made to Parkinson's Disease Foundation or Trustees of Columbia University c/o Dr. Leonard Stern/Chronic Kidney Disease Program at the Columbia University Medical Center.

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Michael D. Hein, teacher and librarian, Dobbs Ferry, N.Y., on February 7, 2010. Hein was born in New York City on May 30, 1939. He earned an M.S. in 1974 from the School of Library Science. On November 4, 1978, Hein married Ann Sarver, and they moved to Dobbs Ferry in 1980, where they raised their daughter, Rebecca. Hein spent his career as a teacher and a librarian, most recently working at the Horace Mann School in Riverdale, N.Y. He was an avid Yankees and Knicks fan and loved "Old Time Radio Program Tapes." Hein's wife and daughter survive him, as does his daughter's partner, Travis Klami.

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Stephen G. Plummer, chairman and CEO, Crumpler, N.C., on October 20, 1990. Plummer was born on April 8, 1948, and was his high school class' valedictorian. As a high school student traveling abroad, Plummer became interested in European culture

and studied at the American College in Paris, France, for two years after high school. He transferred to Columbia and later graduated with a bachelor's from Indiana University in Bloomington with a double major in anthropology and linguistics; he also earned an M.E. from Harvard. Plummer returned to American College, where he held positions as dean of students and vp., leaving the university in 1986 to found Reseaux et Communications Informatiques, S.A., of which he was chairman and CEO. Plummer lived in Paris for 20 years. For the last 17 years of his life, he lived in the United States. He founded Strategies and served clients involved in Photo Lab, Powell Street Art Gallery, land development in North Carolina and M2 Products. Plummer is survived by a brother, Alfred III and his wife, Patricia; nephews, Alfred IV and his wife, Teresa, and Alexander; a niece; two grand-nieces; and a grand-nephew.

1972

Glenn R. Switkes, environmentalist, São Paulo, Brazil, on December 21, 2009. Born in New York City, Switkes studied history at Columbia and filmmaking at UC Berkeley. While a student, he worked with Randy Hayes and Toby McLeod on his first film, the award-winning *Four Corners: A National Security Area?*, which shows the depredations of mining on the Native Americans and desert landscapes of the southwestern United States. Switkes first went to the Amazon on the urging of his Colombian first wife, Monti Aguirre. The couple made the award-winning documentary *Amazonia: Voices of the Rainforest*. The film was sponsored by Rainforest Action Network, and after its completion, Switkes joined RAN as its Western Amazon oil campaigner. Switkes joined International Rivers Network in 1994 and at the time of his death was Amazon program director. He devoted most of the last two decades of his life to the cause of keeping the rivers of South America, especially in the Amazon, flowing free of dams and shipping channels. Switkes also volunteered with Columbia as a member of the Alumni Representative Committee. He is survived by his second wife, Selma Barros de Oliveira; and their son, Gabriel.

1975

James C. "Clem" Finkendaedt Jr., retired editor, Norwell, Mass., on November 28, 2009. Finkendaedt earned a degree in 1976 from the Journalism School. His career took him from the *Asbury Park Press* to the *Agence France Press*, *International Herald Tribune* in Paris and finally to the international desk of the *Boston Globe*, a position from which he recently had retired. Finkendaedt

is survived by his wife, Elizabeth; children, Catherine, R. Lindsay, James III and Thomas; parents, James and Rose; sister, Isabel Schelemore and her husband, Francois; and three nieces and nephews.

1977

George M. Mackor, dentist, Tiverton, R.I., on December 6, 2009. Mackor was a graduate of Phillips Academy, Andover and a cum laude graduate of the College. He earned a degree in 1982 from the

Dental School and was a captain in the Army at Fort Stewart, Ga., prior to opening his dental practice in Manlius, N.Y., and later practicing in North Dartmouth. Mackor is survived by his wife, Jill; three children; father, Michael; sister, Paula and her husband, Victor; aunt, Emily; uncle, Vincent Cirincione; and many cousins.

1981

James A. Edginger, architect, photographer and writer, Camarillo,

Calif., on December 24, 2009. Edginger was born in Seoul, Korea, and spent much of his youth in Maryland and Pennsylvania. His life's work included architecture, fine arts photography and fiction-writing. He is survived by his wife, Pam; son, Nicholas; and his siblings and mother. Memorial contributions may be made to Moorpark College Foundation.

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OTHER DEATHS REPORTED

Columbia College Today also has learned of the following deaths. Complete obituaries will be published in an upcoming issue, pending receipt of information. Due to the volume of obituaries that CCT receives, it may take several issues for the complete obituary to appear.

- 1928** Abe R. Druss, retired military officer, builder, Roslyn Heights, N.Y., on June 18, 2010.
1933 Arthur W. Seligmann Jr., physician, New York City, on June 6, 2010.
1934 Chester A. Cole, Jr., retired shipping executive, Dayville, Conn., on June 4, 2010.
1938 Irving N. Wolfson, physician, Worcester, Mass., on July 8, 2010.
1940 Robert J. Alexander, professor emeritus of economics and political science, Piscataway, N.J., on April 27, 2010. Alexander earned a Ph.D. in economics in 1950 from GSAS.
 Hector G. Dowd, attorney, New York City, on June 23, 2010.
 Julius J. Fillips, retired school head of guidance and counseling, Whitesboro, N.Y., on June 20, 2010.
 John L. Giove, Rehoboth Beach, Del., on December 31, 2009. Giove earned a B.S. in 1941 from the Engineering School.
1941 John M. "Jack" McDonald, retired attorney, Allentown, Pa., on June 27, 2010.
1942 Frank P. Gherardi, accountant, Wethersfield, Conn., on June 28, 2010. Gherardi entered with the Class of 1942 but earned a B.S. in accounting in 1947 from the Business School.
 Justin B. "Bud" Thompson, retired business executive, Houston, on May 30, 2010.
 Franklin J. Tobey II, retired military servicemember, editor, Purcellville, Va., on May 6, 2010. Tobey earned an M.A. in economics in 1947 from GSAS.
1943 Charles C. Cole Jr., retired professor and college president, Columbus, Ohio, on June 18, 2010. Cole earned a Ph.D. in history in 1951 from GSAS.
1944 John H. Bruzza, West Orange, N.J., on May 30, 2010.
 Ira W. Gabrielson, retired physician, Williamsburg, Mass., on January 18, 2010. Gabrielson earned a degree in 1949 from P&S.
 John T. Lorick Jr., marketing and advertising executive, Los Angeles, on June 19, 2010.
1945 Justin C. Walker, retired physician, Yonkers, N.Y., on May 31, 2010.
1946 Nolan D. Lewis, retired airline transportation executive and banker, South Salem, N.Y., on June 20, 2010.
1948 John W. Gould, professor, Santa Monica, Calif., on January 26, 2010. Gould earned an M.A. in English and comparative literature in 1949 and a Ph.D. in education in 1962, both from GSAS.
 Albert F. Serocke, retired salesman, Kennett Square, Pa., on June 26, 2010.
 Mortimer J. Shaff, retired publishing executive, New York City, on May 18, 2010.
1952 Thomas P. Vogl, West Tisbury, Mass., on May 31, 2010.
1953 Irwin K. Kline, physician, Villanova, Pa., on July 4, 2010.
1954 Richard B. Wettoreau, Manhasset, N.Y., on April 29, 2010.
1957 Ronald H. Boorse, retired business owner, Houston, on July 6, 2010.
 George Dickstein, teacher, Riverdale, N.Y., on February 3, 2010.
1958 George N. Braman, retired physician, professor, Riverdale, N.Y., on June 23, 2010.
 Edward A. "Bud" Spraker, retired physical education teacher, Teaneck, N.J., on July 3, 2010.
1968 Melvin L. Dennis, architect, expeditor and photographic gallery curator, New York City, on June 13, 2010.
1973 Dennis E. Milton, judge, New York City, on May 31, 2010.
1981 Charles G. "Grant" Fulk, plumbing business co-owner, Menlo Park, Calif., on June 14, 2010.
 Michael W. Stevenson, commercial banking v.p., New York City, on July 19, 2010.
1985 William E. Evans, investment banker and musician, New York City, on July 10, 2010.
1986 Joshua A. Moreinis, senior planner and landscape painter, Croton-on-Hudson, N.Y., on July 16, 2010. Moreinis earned an M.S. in urban planning in 1988 from the Architecture School.

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Howard N. Meyer '34 writes: "Classmates and other interested parties will no longer find me east of the Rockies. I have moved to Bolinas, Calif. My e-mail remains the same. CCT will share my new postal address and phone number on request."

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In 1991, HarperCollins published a book by **Ray Robinson**, *The Home Run Heard 'Round the World: The Dramatic Story of the 1951 Giants-Dodgers Pennant Race*. This commemorated the 40th anniversary of Bobby Thompson's title-winning blast. Now, Ray's book is being republished by Dover Publications, with a foreword by Bob Costas, in celebration of the 60th anniversary of the hit.

The *New York Times* had an interesting article about Dr. **Sherwin Kaufman**, his 99-year-old sister and their grandfather, Sholom Aleichem, the great Yiddish writer. Sherwin's sister wrote the bestseller *Up the Down Staircase* and still is going strong. Aleichem's most famous character was Teyve the Dairyman of *Fiddler on the Roof*. Sherwin's son, Kenneth, was MC of the "yahzeit" service, of which he noted "of all the yahzeits my family has held over the last 94 years, this is by far the most recent."

Yours truly has been out of touch in Prague and Israel and on the beach in Southampton, N.Y., and news both good and bad is scarce. Don't hesitate to send me a note.

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On May 17, **Arthur "Wizzer" Wellington** celebrated his 90th birthday in Elmira, N.Y. His entry in to the distinguished Nonagenarian Club was marked by a surprise birthday party and reception for 50 friends and family at Art's church. Art's sons, Jim and David, supervised the proceedings and brought along Art's wife, Marilyn, who enjoyed the ceremonies from the comfort and safety of her wheelchair. Art was pleased to see so many friends (in both senses of the word) at this gathering in his honor.

In WWII, Art served as a Marine artillery officer in the Pacific. He returned to Columbia for his degree in optometry and had a long career in that specialty in Elmira while also becoming a prominent co-owner of the local minor league baseball club and an owner of harness-racing horses. In his retirement, Art remained active in church affairs, was a driver for Meals On Wheels and enjoyed summer visits to his cabin on the water in Tenant's Harbor, Maine. He tells me that his 12-year-old great-grandson, a star athlete who struck out 12 batters and walked only one in a recent game, also is an excellent student with an A+ average. I advised Art to enroll this young man in our Class of 2020. Many more happy birthdays, Art, on your journey toward the Class of 1942 Centennial Club.

The appointment of Columbia's new basketball coach, Kyle Smith, who replaced Joe Jones, led me to review some of my research notes on Columbia's previous great coaches, team captains and great players. In the years 1938-42, when our Class of 1942 was on campus, our coach was the charismatic and irascible Paul Mooney, who had been a team player himself. Mooney's team captains were an impressive group: Owen McDowell '34, Bill Nash '36, Jim Casey '37, John O'Brien '38, Tom Macdoe '39, John Naylor '40, **Stewart McIlvennan** and Lester Martens '45. After WWII, the great but unfortunate Gordon Ridings, who died suddenly at an early age, became head coach from 1946-50. His most accomplished team captain was Walt Budko '46E, who led his teams to 36 victories and only eight losses

and later played professional ball. In 1950, Ridings was succeeded by another great coach, Lou Rossini '47 TC, who stayed until 1958. Rossini coached some of Columbia's most talented teams, led by the following gifted captains and players: John Azary '51, Alan Stein '52, Jack Molinas '53, Frank Thomas '56 and Chet Forte '57. Molinas became a star in professional basketball but was convicted of involvement in a gambling scandal, which ended his career. Forte, a small, deadly outside shooter, led the nation in scoring, finishing ahead of the famous Will Chamberlain. Forte later became a well-known television network director of sports programs and radio talk-show host. Like Molinas, who finished with gambling addiction, but eventually recovered to resume his broadcasting career.

In 1961, Jack Rohan '53 became head coach and served through 1974. Like Rossini, he coached some of Columbia's greatest teams. Among his captains were Larry Borger '68, Roger Walaszek '69 and Jim McMillian '70. Borger led his team to the Ivy League championship, and they also won the Holiday Festival at Madison Square Garden, defeating West Virginia, Louisville and St. John's. Walaszek, now a prominent attorney in Northampton, Mass., led his team to a 20-4 record, and McMillian's team finished 20-5, both second in the Ivy League. McMillian won the Haggerty Award as the best player in the NYC Metropolitan area for three consecutive years. He was drafted by the L.A. Lakers, whom he helped to the 1972 NBA championship, and later played for Buffalo, New York and Portland in a nine-year pro career.

In 1974, Tom Penders succeeded Rohan as head coach. His co-captains in 1976-77 were Alton Byrd '79 and Ricky Free '79. Byrd was voted the best player in the nation under 6 feet in height and later played professionally in England. Penders resigned after the 1978 season and went on to a long career at various major basketball schools, most recently at the University of Houston. In 1990, Rohan returned to once again become head coach, staying through 1995. His 1992-93 team captain, Leonard "Buck" Jenkins '93, led his squad to a 16-10 record and second place in the Ivy League.

In 1995, Armond Hill, a former Princeton and pro player, replaced

Rohan as head coach. He was unable to win an Ivy League title for Columbia and was replaced in 2002 by Jones, who also was unsuccessful in his quest for the Ivy League championship (Jones' record in Ivy League games in seven years was 49-69). Jones now is the associate head coach at Boston College under Steve Donahue, who was hired away from Cornell to replace BC's former successful head coach, Al Skinner.

We welcome our new head coach and wish him well in his efforts to lead Columbia to great success in the near future.

Our Alumni Office has reported the death of **Waldemar Hertwig** on April 1 in San Diego. Waldemar earned a B.S. in 1942 and an M.S. in 1943, both in chemical engineering. I was in a chemistry class with Waldemar and remember him as a brilliant student. He had a long career with Amoco Corp. before retirement. A full obituary notice will follow in a future issue of CCT.

I am sad to report the death of **Justin Thompson** at age 90 on May 30 in Houston. After graduation, Justin enlisted in the Navy, and after officer training at Notre Dame, he served as a lieutenant senior grade in the Pacific theater. Upon return to civilian life, Justin embarked on a productive 36-year career with Exxon-Mobil as a purchasing executive. He lived in Houston from 1961 until his death. He is survived by his wife, Doris; daughter, Claire; sons, Justin Jr. and his wife, Sue, and John and his wife, Christine; and brother, Andrew. Justin had six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. A memorial service was held on June 7 at St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church in Houston. On June 16, Doris sent me a warm note about Justin, saying, "He loved his years at Columbia—and his friends in Hartley Hall." At Columbia, Justin had many friends, especially among his fellow student-athletes on the baseball team, including first baseman Dr. **Gerald Klingon** and versatile utility player **Arthur Wellington** (third base, outfield, catcher). Justin and Leno Ferrarini '43 were the varsity catchers. Art recalls that after Justin and Leno left for military service, he became the starting catcher, but the position was new to him, and in a game against Penn, the Penn players stole seven bases off of Art and his pitcher, "Long George" Smith '41.

I was friendly with Justin and always enjoyed seeing him emerge from the Hartley Hall elevator with a warm smile and a cheerful greeting as we were going to our classes. We send condolences to Doris and to Justin's extended family from members of the Class of 1942, who remember him with affection and respect.

With so many of us approaching, or at, our 90th birthdays, I am hopeful that some classmates will still be around and in good enough health to celebrate our 70th reunion in 2012. I keep hearing an old Judy Garland lyric, "It's cold, cold, cold, and we're old, old, old," but then I recall one of our Columbia slogans to give us some encouragement: "Hold fast to the spirit of youth." Kind regards to all.

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Regarding interesting Columbia faculty members: I recently finished reading a fascinating biography, *Lorenzo Da Ponte: The Extraordinary Adventures of the Man Behind Mozart*, by Rodney Bolt. It deals with the Venetian Emanuele Cionegioni (1749-1838) who took the name of Lorenzo Da Ponte. He became the first professor of Italian at Columbia. Da Ponte led a most picaresque life, arriving in New York via multiple European cities and London. In New York, he not only established the first Italian Opera House in the city but also became the first Jew and Roman Catholic priest appointed to the Columbia faculty. It was 1825. You may have recognized the name Da Ponte as the librettist for three of Mozart's best-loved operas. Same man.

Have you discovered in your reading a person with a little-known tie to Columbia? Share your find with the readers of these Class Notes.

Albert W. Cayot sent his recollections of former University President Nicholas Murray Butler (Class of 1882), as had been requested in this column. Those contacts were indirect, one of them being through Albert's sister, Mary, who worked for Butler at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. Albert also recalled the visit to Columbia by the Queen of England and Prince Charles in the late 1930s, the visit having been arranged by Butler. The royal party arrived on the *USS Warrington*, which was escorted by the J.P. Morgan yacht,

the *Corsair*, on which Albert was one member of the 58-man crew. He recalls the black smoke laden with carbon particles from the *Corsair's* funnel. This was because its engines were being driven hard in trying to keep up with the *Warrington*. Such smoke, of course, was a no-no because it besmirched the *Corsair's* white canopies.

Richard M. Garten wrote to provide his personal contact with Butler. Richard, like me, left for graduate school at the end of the third year and thus was absent from the graduation ceremonies. He may therefore have missed shaking the hand of our famous prez, but while a student, he used to deliver mail to the president and says he was always greeted pleasantly by the great man. He also has pleasant memories of Dean Herbert Hawkes, who had pithy and cogent rejoinders at the ready. He replied, "Yes, but they were different things," when Richard remarked, "I've never done working my way through college than in the classroom." Anyone else have memories of NMB or the dean?

Below is news regarding the death of Warren Eason. We were classmates in A.B. Davis H.S. in Mt. Vernon, N.Y. He had already started a distinguished musical career back then, excelling in playing the French horn. More memories: **Bill Loweth** and I were on the lightweight crew. Sad news.

Henry Corey, an attorney, died on February 27 in Falmouth, Mass.

Philip J. Bliss, an advertising v.p. and personnel director, Portsmouth, N.H., died on April 22.

Warren W. Eason, a musician and professor at Ohio State University, in Columbus, died on March 22. Warren earned an economics certificate and Ph.D. in 1951 and 1959 from SIPA and CSAS, respectively.

William R. Loweth, Tequesta, Fla., died on May 5.

William M. Webb, a retired engineer, Louisville, Ky., died on April 16, 2010. William earned a B.S. and an M.S. in mechanical engineering in 1943 and 1949, respectively, from the Engineering School.

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Sadly, our diminishing band of survivors has been further diminished by the departures of engineer **Kenneth Englar** and of **Harold Polton**, who spent many years in his family's Garden State Paper Co. (since sold), a pioneer in paper recycling. Also, we lost Turkey-



Greg Wyatt '71 and CCT class correspondent Bert Sussman '47 show off a cartoon drawn by Wyatt's father, Stan Wyatt '43, '47 GSAS, ridiculing local politicians afraid of a demographic shift after Columbia faculty and staff moved into housing in Upstate New York in the 1940s (see the 1947 column for a further description).

PHOTO: FAY WYATT

born Dr. **William V. Beshlian** who, after his Army medical service, had a distinguished 52-year career at St. Joseph Hospital Medical Center in Paterson, N.J. And we recently were told by Mary Gabrielson '49 P&S, died suddenly earlier this year.

We also regrettably note the passing of Bill Loweth '43, a stalwart of the crew, who shared with many of us '44ers the privilege of participating in Larry Chamberlain's first government class at Columbia in 1941-42.

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Barnett Zumoff recently published his 17th and 18th books of translation from Yiddish literature: *Yiddish Literature in America, 1870-2000* (the first of three proposed volumes with this title), and *Pearls of Yiddish Poetry*, by Joseph and Chana Mlotek. He has five other books of translation in various stages of preparation for publication. The books can be obtained from the publisher in New Jersey (Ktav Publishing House, www.ktav.com).

The Class of '45 is still looking for a class correspondent to write a bimonthly column for *Columbia College Today*. If you want an open platform and a chance to reconnect with classmates, please contact Associate Editor Ehan Rouen at cct2010@columbia.edu. Until then, please send notes about your life, thoughts, travel, family and experiences at Columbia to the address at the top of the column.

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Marvin Aronson Ph.D. is an eminent psychologist who continues his practice in individual, group and couples therapy. His CV includes the editing of 10 volumes on group and family therapy. Marvin shares a particularly interesting insight on this stage of his career:

"A well-functioning older psychotherapist can make valuable contributions to younger patients who have been handicapped by difficult family constellations during their formative years. Many individuals in their 40s, 50s and 60s suffer from the fact that they had too few positive interactions with their parents and extended family members. Interacting with a positive, responsive older therapist can help repair some of these deficits.

"The mere fact that the older therapist continues to function effectively as a professional can serve as an inspiration for those patients whose parents manifested serious physical and psychological disorders as they aged.

"A competent 'grandfatherly' or 'grandmotherly' therapist can evoke positive recollections of grandparents who rescued patients from effects of early mistreatments by their biological parents."

Burton Sapin, who regularly stays in touch, has retired to south

Florida and sends warm regards to fellow '46ers. He and his wife, Judy, were active in Washington, D.C.'s academic/political community. Burr's new contact information: 3124 La Posada Dr., Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410; 561-429-5147.

Of his new home, he says: "This is a retirement/extended care community. As long as your health holds up, it is like living in a nice hotel."

Paul Marks couldn't make our recent class luncheon because of a conference he attended in Paris. His note reads: "I am continuing my work on our cancer drug and trying to understand more about how and why it works."

Our class scholar in the Class of '57, **Richard Gooder**, a professor at Clare College, Cambridge, e-mailed: "I read quite a lot about Columbia these days, and it is gratifying to think that the College I attended, and the course I went through, still figures so prominently in developing academic debate. It shows how well it had all been put together, and how durable it has proven. I remain grateful to you and your classmates for making it possible for me to have been a participant and beneficiary."

If you haven't noticed the header at the top of this column, we will celebrate our 65th reunion Thursday, June 2-Sunday, June 5, 2011. Quite a milestone. I find it a little hard to believe, yet happy in its anticipation. How should we note and celebrate the occasion? Please send me your thoughts and ideas.

I am sorry to report the passing of **Raleigh Estrada**, who lived in Chicago Heights, Ill.

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Ed Cramer sent the following report: "Congregation Adas Emuno in Leonia, N.J., honored three of its members at a dinner on June 12. Included were **Ed Cramer**; his wife, **Ethel**, better known as **Robin**; and **Dr. Sam Shapiro**, a retired physician. Ed has been the longest standing member, and all of them are active in weekly services and in special events. Introducing **Shapiro** was **Alan Alda**, known for his starring role in the long-running television series, *M*A*S*H*, and active in lecturing on science.

"Ed was introduced by **Sheldon Harnick**, a distinguished co-writer, with **Jerry Bock**, of many Broadway shows including the Pulitzer-Prize winning *Fiddler on the Roof*. He is not only a lyricist but also a songwriter and a composer,

having collaborated on several operas. He also is a performer and lecturer.

"Robin was introduced by members of her family using a video presentation. **Al Burstein**, **Larry Friedland** and their wives were present.

"The dinner was followed by a concert, and a good time was had by all."

That ends Ed's note. However, I feel the need to add: For decades, Ed was president of Broadcast Music, the entertainment industry organization dedicated to protecting the rights of writers and publishers for the performance of their music around the world.

Ed McAvoy thinks green these days with the move to more carpooling for conservation and remembers in the late '40s he was involved in this movement, but for a different reason. Columbia had spearheaded conversion of barracks in Camp Shanks in Rockland County, N.Y., into temporary housing for faculty, administrators and students: **Shanks Village**.

Probably 10,000 Columbia families resided in these apartments during **Shanks Village's** short lifetime. Its sudden presence in this then-rural county created a few problems. There was no Tappan Zee Bridge and New York State Thruway, nor that beautiful 50-mile Palisades Parkway from the George Washington Bridge to Bear Mountain. Commuting to the 116th Street campus and further uptown medical center was by Red & Tan bus and subway (then 5 cents). The bus company greatly raised fares, as did many local stores (there were no supermarkets and big box stores then), and **Shanks** commuters started an organized 25-cent carpool from the seven areas of **Shanks** to, mainly, 116th Street and Broadway.

At almost any hour of the day, riders would be waiting at street corners in **Shanks** and at 116th Street for the half-hour drive. Sometimes, several empty cars might be awaiting passengers.

Dave Berger '50's one-act play, *Ray Who*, was one of 11 plays in 24 sold-out performances of Sixth Street Theater's "2010 Snowdance 10 Minute Comedy Festival."

One villager even bought a hearth and built in extra seats for added income. Of course, gas was only 25 cents a gallon then.

Residents also started a successful co-op food market that helped feed the community. With limited monthly G.I. benefits checks of slightly more than \$99, this was

a necessity! It all helped solve the problem.

Rockland County had been about 90 percent Republican at that time, and the heavy influx of Democrats and liberals caused entrenched politicians to be worried. New voter registration was hampered by the demand for these newcomers to produce high school diplomas. Ph.D.s and others were forced to take literacy tests. **Stan Wyatt** '43, '47 GSAS, a professor of art at City College, became the resident artist for the **Shanks** newspaper that was started, *The Villager*, and did dozens of cartoons about life at **Shanks** [see photo]. His son, **Greg**, '71, is the noted sculptor-in-residence at the Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine on Amsterdam Avenue, adjacent to the main Columbia campus.

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After the "rush" of mail from classmates, which I shared in July/August's notes, there has been a paucity of communication from classmates, so I guess all are out having a great time doing things that do not allow time for reporting to this column.

I do hear from **Bill Lubic** that

statistics, **Ruth** continues to battle to bring us into a more enlightened state of being.

Yours truly continues working with **PortSide New York**. Our son has moved to a location only six blocks from the campus. Revisiting local haunts always is occasion for good feelings.

On a sad note, word has just come, but it will be old news when you read this, that we have lost a treasure in the person of **Bob Butler**. Our class has many reasons to be proud but proudest must be for having had **Bob** as our friend and classmate, and most rich are we all for his legacy of knowledge and care. [Editor's note: See **Obituaries**.]

Find time! Make time! Let us hear from you.

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Our 60th reunion attracted 22 classmates to campus. That number may not sound impressive, but it equaled the attendance at the 55-year reunion, and it's good that we held steady. Attendees were **Phil Bergovoy**, **Norman Dorsen**, **Franklin Gill**, **Ralph Halie**, **Ted Karchuta**, **Dave Karlin**, **Bud Kassel**, **Jerry Kaye**, **Dan Kelly**, **Len Kliegman**, **Jerry Lasser**, **Glenn Lubash**, **Mario Palmieri**, **Ted Reid**, **Dave Sampliner**, **Ray Scalettar**, **Al Schmitt**, **Tom Sebring**, **Norm Skinner**, **Bob Socas**, **Art Trezise** and **Ric Yarwood**.

A highlight of the weekend was an enthusiastic discussion, following the Saturday luncheon, led and moderated by **M.D.s Glenn Lubash** and **Ray Scalettar**, on the subject of the nation's health care.

The class as a whole responded well beyond the norm for our class (in a non-reunion year) in supporting a class gift to the College. Participation in the Columbia College Fund provided \$43,494, which will be used to grant **McVeigh-Buchmann** current-use scholarships. These scholarships have long been the focus of our class's fundraising efforts as a meaningful way to memorialize **Tom McVeigh** and **Bob Buchmann**, who died heroically as Marines in the Korean War. All donors will be acknowledged in the *CC Fund's Annual Report*.

Dave Berger has had two significant successes in his post-retirement career in playwrighting. His one-act play, *Ray Who*, was one of 11 plays in 24 sold-out performances of Sixth Street Theater's "2010 Snowdance 10 Minute Comedy Festival" in Racine, Wis., in February. The Ray of the title is **Raymond Nowse**, a 60-year-old

man who thinks that he is Ray Nitschke, the deceased middle linebacker for the Green Bay Packers and Pro Football Hall of Fame honoree. Raymond's plan to stay in shape is to train by tackling adult deer. A game warden spots him doing his training exercise, and Raymond ends up in court, which is where the play takes place.

Dave's second work, *The Reel Thing*, was one of 30 one-minute plays presented at Spare Change Theater's "In a New York Minute" festival in Manhattan in June. In this play, two fish at the bottom of a lake are commenting on fishermen's lures passing over their heads. But they don't bite until one of them sees what he thinks is a big, juicy night crawler. The plays were on for two consecutive nights and were competitively judged by the audiences. *The Reel Thing* finished third on the first night and second on the next night.

Sad to report, **Desmond J. Nunan Sr.** of Ocean City, N.J., died on May 5.

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How many classmates know the origin of the official Columbia colors, white and light (Columbia) blue? To get the true story, check the last paragraph of this column.

No survey has been made concerning the number of grandfathers and grandchildren in our class. However, from reunion conversations, the number is substantial. **Willard Block** passed along a poem written by his granddaughter, Tess, and he is justifiably proud to be called *The Perfect Grandfather*. Here's the poem:

Time said to Grandpa, "You are eighty, you must slow."
Grandpa said to Time, "I'm in a hurry, you should go."

He travels the world, he see all things anew,
With Grandma by his side there is little he won't do.
He wakes with a melody, a hymn if you please,
The song of the universe, he learned from the trees.

He gives a greeting to all, strangers, neighbors and kin,
Always helpful, always a friend.

He asks so many questions, they come by the score,
And when you've been answered everything, there's always one more.
He teaches me things he says I must know,
About art and literature and music from long ago.
Chopin and Bach, Mozart and Beethoven.
"I'm listening I promise, must my eyeballs be open?"
Just when I think my head will explode,
He hands me a piece of chocolate cake à la mode.

The trips we have taken, adventures and more.
He once drove away without closing my door,
Car horns were blaring, they seemed quite perturbed,
One guy shouted, "You left the kid's door open!"
We swerved to the curb. "Oh my God," Grandpa gasped,
"What's wrong with you? Why didn't you tell me?"
Amanda was five, me barely two.

His family and critics are one and the same.
Has ever a man been so loved and so blamed?

Let my words now be clear, with so much in jest,
Remember this, forget all the rest.
You're the dearest to us, grandsons and granddaughters,
We love you Grandpa, you're the perfect Grandfather.

(Poem published without any reference to the late Art Linkletter and what he said about kids!)

Susan K. Feagin, e.v.p. for university development and alumni relations, recently announced that the Columbia Campaign reached the \$3.5 billion mark, with a goal of raising \$4 billion by December 2011. Congratulations to all contributors, who can now take pride in the long-range plans to develop state-of-the-art University facilities.

Alumni Reunion Weekend 2010, June 3-6, featured a return to the more familiar style of past Dean's Days. Class members and wives attending included **Dave Berman** and Sharon, **Willard Block** and Roberta, **George Koplinka** and Peg, **Warren Nadel** and Susanne, **Bob Snyder** and Elaine, and **Elliot Wales** and Fran as well as **Lowell Ackiron**. Stimulating lectures from Columbia's talented faculty were combined with affinity group receptions affording additional opportunities for celebrations. Dean Michele Moody-Adams paid a special visit to Low Library to greet '51 alumni at the class luncheon. A week prior to Dean's Day, class

president Bob, Willard and Elliot met with **Archie Mcgregor**, **George Prozan**, **Mark Kaplan**, **Paul Wallace** and **Harvey Krueger** at the first of several luncheons to plan activities and a program for the 60th reunion of the Class of 1951, scheduled for Thursday, June 2-Sunday, June 5, 2011. If you would like to join the Reunion Committee, please contact Bob at rbotsnyder@gmail.com. TEP fraternity members should contact **Stan Schachter** at Ulysses33@aol.com to discuss membership participation.

Richard Wiener, living in Rockville, Md., came to the United States at 13 as a Holocaust survivor. He experienced Crystal Night while his father was interned at Buchenwald and was one of the Kindertransport children who escaped to England. When the Berlin Wall fell, Richard made several visits to his hometown of Wittenberg, and expects to be inducted as an honorary citizen this fall. Following a tour of duty with the Army, Richard entered Columbia College. His collegiate claim to fame included a stint with the Columbia Players and some published articles in the *Columbia Review*. This led to a recommendation from Professor Lionel Trilling '25 to the Dodd, Mead Literary Fellowship contest, where Richard's novel was awarded second place. After obtaining a law degree at NYU and The George Washington School of Law, Richard became an international patent lawyer, ultimately running his firm's Washington, D.C., office and then chairing the Patent, Trademark and Copyright Section of the D.C. Bar and serving as a member of the bar's board of directors.

Richard is active in *The Mankind Project*, a mission-oriented international men's community, as head elder of its Washington center and as a facilitator in its transformational weekend trainings. He speaks widely to diverse audiences and offers a workshop, "The Power of Forgiveness," at venues around the country. His marriage of 23 years ended in divorce. Richard's daughter, Evelyn, and her husband run the well-known Dorna Cafe in Greenwich Village, and his son, Michael, is a New York actor and performance artist.

So, what about Columbia's True Blue? According to an article published in Columbia University's *The Record*, dated May 14, the first display of Columbia colors was unveiled in 1873 when the College competed in the Springfield Boat Race. In the ensuing years, various shades of blue decorated athletics uniforms, course catalogs, banners and beanies. Finally, in 1957, the

Columbia University Trustees, after browsing through more than a dozen shades of blue (swatches of which remain in the archives), selected what is today's official white and Columbia Blue. (No telling what a person can learn from a campus newspaper!)

Hope you enjoyed a great summer. Tell me about it soon. E-mail is best!

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As the poet says: "It's a long, long time from May to December/ And the days grow short when you reach September."

Of course, as intended, these words have more than one meaning, but right now let's stick with the seasonal interpretation.

So, did you enjoy the lazy days of summer? Going to the beach, picnics on those sweet summer days, perhaps fishing and/or swimming in some cool lakes and streams, and enjoying that ice cream as if it were a reward for having all that fun.

Graduations and weddings in July, fireworks and hot dogs in July, vacations and baseball games in August.

As they say, it's a tough job, but somebody has to do it.

Of course, it's acceptable to vacation in July and even see a baseball game as well, and eating a hot dog in August is OK, too.

Now changes will happen again. Mother Nature will be getting ready for her nap. Slowly, the days shorten and cool off, and soon the bright and glorious colors of autumn are everywhere and sending the message of "Hello" and "Goodbye," smiling and waving at the same time. Yes, gentlemen, those of us who are lucky have reached September.

Robert Adelman writes: "Recently, I took two trips to south Florida. In late January, on my way to Naples, my wife, Judith, and I had lunch with **Charlie Jacobs** and his wife, Rosalind. Charlie is busy writing and has recently published quite a few books. Visit his website at www.retirement-writing.com. In late February, on my way to Stuart, I had lunch with **Howie Hanson** and his wife, Diane. They are both fine and active in the insurance services sector.

"Based upon the conversations at these meetings, I was wondering if any other of our classmates have considered the possibility of a 60th reunion. This could be a one- or two-day event on campus, and any other place that people would like to visit."

So, gentlemen, the question is,



Crew team members from the 1950s and '60s got together in the Gould-Remmer Boathouse on June 4 to tell war stories and relive old times. Joining the party were (seated, left to right) Dan Hovey '55, Jim Cooper '59, Bob Prendergast '53, Don Fagan '53 and Marty Fisher '57; and (standing, left to right) D'Arcy Roche '60, Ken Bodenstein '57, Terry Doremus '55, Bill Mink '55, Roy Hanson '60, Bob Hanson '55 and Paul Neshamkin '63.

would you be interested in a 60th reunion? It's never too early to start thinking about making plans for a Reunion Committee that would work with the Alumni Office to make it happen in 2012.

This is from **Henry William Kramer**: "Upon graduation from Columbia Engineering in June 1953, I went into the Naval Civil Engineer Corps for three years to fulfill my obligation to the NROTC program.

"After discharge from the Navy in 1956, I joined Spencer, White and Prentiss (three Columbia alums) in NYC. In 1959, I moved to Coakley and Booth (another alum of NYC) and then to Schnabel Foundation Co. of Bethesda, Md. All three jobs involved the bidding, design and supervision of difficult building foundation work. In these moves, I progressed from a field engineer to general superintendent. In 1970, I signed a contract with American Structures of Chicago and supervised the first contract on the Washington, D.C., Metro.

"In 1971, I joined the George Hyman Construction Co., also in Bethesda, as a general superintendent on general construction contracts. I retired from there in 1994 as an s.v.p. I was involved in many projects in many parts of the country but mostly in the D.C. area. The company now is called Clark Construction Group and does a yearly volume of \$3-\$4 billion. My last project was the renovation of the Willard Hotel in D.C.

"I live near Asheville, N.C., with my wife, Judy. We have two children and four grandkids. Our daughter, Jean, lives in Denver. Her husband, John Welch, is an assistant coach under George Karl with the Denver Nuggets basketball team. Our son, Davis, is chief estimator for Blach Construction in San Jose, Calif. His wife, Maria, is the head of research for Stem Cells of Palo Alto."

Bob Hartman writes: "I came across a [classmate], **George Paxton**, an Alpha Delta Phi. George went to medical school at Boston University, then to New Orleans and ended up in Denver in 1960. He was a pediatrician for many years in Denver and recently retired. He said that he really enjoys spending time with his children and lots of the grandchildren." Peter Carbonara '53 sent this heartfelt obituary:

"On New Year's Day, **Frank Walwer** was driving in Bradenton, Fla., when his car crossed the highway divider and slammed head-on into a large truck. Frank was killed. No one else was hurt. He was 79. I met Frank in 1944 shortly before we graduated from P.S. 69 in Jackson Heights, N.Y. We quickly became friends with mutual hopes and needs, not the least of which was the fact that our fathers had died not too long before. We both went on to William Cullen Bryant H.S. in Astoria, Queens, and when we graduated in 1948, Frank was class treasurer. That year, Frank enrolled at Columbia. In college, Frank was a member of the Senior Society of Nacoms, Sigma Chi, Dorm Council, Pre Law Society, Canterbury, and Gold and Silver Crowns, and the business manager of *Spectator*. He entered Columbia Law School and graduated in 1955, then did his military service until 1957. He was appointed associate dean at the Law School in 1958 and worked there until 1980. He oversaw financial aid and admissions.

"In 1960, Frank had a conversation with an assistant dean at Harvard Law who inquired how many African-Americans were at the Columbia Law School. There were almost none, motivating Frank to visit several predominantly black colleges. He identified five promising students and had them admitted to Columbia Law School

after increasing the class size to make room. A professor at the University of Toledo College of Law said, 'Dean Walwer believed it was essential to broaden the ranks of the law schools and thus enrich the profession and system of justice. It was as simple as that. Whether that analysis was a normative-based social justice approach, a market based approach or a color-segregationist approach, by his action it was clearly the approach of an activist to the problem: find blacks and admit them.'

"Frank's efforts to recruit more people of color to American law schools led to the creation of the Bar Association's Council for Legal Education Opportunity. While he was chairman, the council published a study of law school curricula and also adopted affirmative action standards, revised the code of recommended standards for bar examiners and so forth.

"Frank left Columbia in 1980 to become the dean of the University of Tulsa School of Law and remained in that position for 11 years. In 1987, he was in a small group that visited the Peoples Republic of China to enhance relations between American and Chinese legal educators. In 1994, Frank left Tulsa and became dean of the newly founded Law School at Texas Wesleyan University in Fort Worth, where he worked until 1999. During Frank's tenure, the Law School was fully accredited by the American Bar Association. He was co-author of a book published in 1974, *Cost and Resources of Legal Education*. In the copy he gave me, he inscribed: 'No publisher has yet accepted my manuscript entitled, *The Costs and Resources of Friday Night Poker Playing for High School Students* (fictional of course, but based on fact).'

"Frank also served on the American Bar Association's Law School Admissions Council, the Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar, and chaired many committees on law school admissions and financial aid. Despite his distinguished professional accomplishments, Frank always was humble and self-effacing, maybe even a little bit wacky. Those who knew Frank welcomed his company and the laughter and playfulness that always came with our get-togethers. As a matter of fact, it took us time to realize that this entertaining guy was fast becoming a giant in the field of legal education. He was a gentleman and loved nothing more than engaging in sometimes heated political debates, but always with kindness and humor.

"I became convinced that Frank was a good and kind to really be a hardened Republican as he

proclaimed but took that posture so we could debate the issues with vigor. He was fun to be with. He loved his family and his friends. He leaves his wife, Mary Anne; son, Gregory; and grandchildren."

Thank you all for your contributions.

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Every so often, news arrives indicating that a book by one of our esteemed classmates has just been published. Thus, several weeks ago, **Daniel S. Greenberg** sent an e-mail describing his first novel, *Tech Transfer: Science, Money, Love and the Ivory Tower*. For many years, Dan was a journalist in Washington, D.C., who covered science and health politics. For more than 25 years, he wrote an op-ed column that appeared in *The Washington Post* and was a frequent contributor to *The New England Journal of Medicine*; *Nature*; *New Scientist*; *The New York Times* and *U.S. News & World Report*. In 2002, the Brookings Institute asked Dan to be a guest scholar and to report on his research concerning "The Impact of Commercialization on Academic Health Research." Previously, Dan authored three nonfiction books that were published by the University of Chicago Press concerning science, politics and money: *The Politics of Pure Science*; *Science, Money and Politics: Political Triumph and Ethical Erosion*; and *Science for Sale: The Perils, Rewards, and Delusion of Campus Capitalism*.

As soon as I learned that Dan's latest venture was a fictionalized account of faculty intrigue at a highly ranked, dysfunctional university in New York City, I flew to Amazon.com to purchase a copy of *Tech Transfer* and was rewarded with several spellbinding days of reading a fascinating story about what really might happen when a widely respected professor and scientist under a secret Army contract invents an anti-sleep drug that will keep troops permanently awake on the battlefield.

The director of the Center for the Absorption of Federal Funds wrote the following review of Dan's novel: "Tech Transfer reveals far too much about how the science system really works."

The novel is published by Kanawha Press and is available from Amazon.com. Don't miss Dan's fascinating tale. Good luck, Dan!

A week after my reading Dan's first novel, **Tony Robinson** sent along a copy of his sixth novel, *The American Golfer*. Thus, for the next

three days, I was buried in Tony's intriguing story and soon became aware of why our classmate has been acclaimed as "America's consummate golf novelist." *The American Golfer* is about a "down on his luck" PGA Tour golfer who goes to Ireland for the summer in order to visit his great-grandmother's village. Reading Tony's words about Irish romance, political intrigue and self-discovery, I began to feel what it might be like to return to Professor Fred Dupee's comparative literature class and once again read James Joyce's *Ulysses*.

Tony has clearly inherited his father's writing gene. When we were undergraduates, Henry Morton Robinson's bestselling novel, *The Cardinal*, was published and in 1953, he was invited to be the guest speaker at the annual *Spectator* dinner. I'll never forget the moment Tony's distinguished, famous father looked at the audience of aspiring young journalists, and referring to our campus on Morningside Heights said, "We were nourished on this self same hill."

Interestingly, professors Mark Van Doren and George Noble encouraged Tony to pursue writing as a career. After his first two novels were published, he became an instructor of English in 1964 at SUNY New Paltz, N.Y. His first wife, Mary, died in 1976. In 1998, Tony married a childhood friend and an accomplished artist, Tatiana Padwa of Woodstock, N.Y. Tony and Tatiana live in New Paltz, where they write and paint.

Good luck, Tony! Based on your special, delightful sixth novel, *The American Golfer*, the Columbia College Class of 1953 is expecting to see your works included in the literature of the 20th and 21st centuries that is taught in college classrooms across America. *The American Golfer* is available from Amazon.com. A book that is not to be missed!

Sad news is Irwin Kline's daughter, Tess, telephoned with news that her father had passed away on July 4. As an undergraduate, Irwin had been a rigorous, active member of the class. He became v.p. and secretary of Alpha Epsilon Pi, the production manager of *Spectator*, a member of the Sawbones Society, secretary of the Pre-Medical Society and a member of the freshman swimming team, the Ted Kramer Society and the Class Steering Committee.

Irwin met his wife, Talde, while they were medical students at Western Reserve. They were married in 1956 and had four children, Tonia, Joel, Tess and Stephan, and 12 grandchildren.

Irwin was chairman of pathology at Lankenau Hospital in Philadelphia from 1969-95, after which

he retired to travel, read, spend time with his family and take online courses in history and finance. Through the years, he found the time to co-author with Talde a number of articles and books about pathology. For many years, Talde also was an active pathologist.

On the telephone, Tess told me that Irwin remained a wonderful, warm, caring person who will be sorely missed. Tess can be reached at andrewgreenberg@hotmail.com.

His classmates will remember Irwin as a hard-working, great guy!

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George Fadok enjoys active retired living in Arizona. He also takes great pride in his children's achievements and reports that "daughter Val treated a golden bear at the Houston Zoo for allergies. She thinks a change in the weather will help the critter out. Son George retired from the Navy with the rank of captain. Son David pinned on another star and is now a major general in the Air Force. Son Christopher was ordained a Dominican priest on June 25 and has invited our entire class to confession."

Congratulations, you have much to be proud of.

Two classmates have been named to the Columbia University Athletics Hall of Fame: Steve Sobel and Al Thompson. Congratulations are certainly in order.

Bob Weber reports from his home, which is "near Plymouth Rock, Mass.," that he is president of the Friends of the Kingston Library and sits on the board of the KPL Foundation trying (among other things) to narrow the gap between the budget and state aid. Washington, please learn from a pro. Bob also is involved with a local environmental group and has been counting herring at the fish ladder three days a week. John Jay Dining Hall, please take note.

David Bardin and his wife went to Morningside Heights for a weekend to see and hear their grandson (Class of 2012), who lives in Livingston (now Wallach) Hall, perform in a Columbia Musical Theatre Society production. David reports that "It's striking how much construction has taken place and is in progress but how much remains familiar."

Some people talk about changes in what is considered a "normal work week." Sheldon Licht remembers when he was a commissioner for the NYC Department of Buildings. His work week consisted of 16 hours a day for six and sometimes seven days a week.

One bit of sad news is that Max Pimer died on May 9. His wife, Marilyn, wrote that he had pancreatic cancer for more than two years. They were married for nearly 54 years and dated during high school and college. Perhaps she summed it best when she wrote, "He was a wonderful man."

Please continue to keep in touch and wear light blue whenever you can.

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The results are in for our reunion, held in June. The stalwart Class of 1955 has set several records for a 55th reunion — largest attendance ever and dollars raised (more than \$226,000). We even beat other classes with larger enrollments.

Following the write-up of the reunion events in the last CCT, we must include additional classmates who made an appearance on- and off-campus: Norm Goldstein (all the way from Hawaii), Milt Merritt, Stanley Cornigold, Tony Disanto, Herb Finkelstein, Sven Johnson, Ivan Leigh, Julie Brown, Neil Opdyke, Jesse Roth, Ed Siegel, Joe Vales, Ralph Wagner, Anthony Viscusi, Ed Francell, Paul Frank, Dan Hovey, Bill Mink, Jules Rosenberg and Herb Gardner. Lew Sternfels (our roving photographer from Los Angeles) took close to 140 pictures as he traveled from event to event. If anyone is interested in seeing the photos, let your class scribe know.

Special thanks should go to Gerry Pomper, who shared the microphone with Sid Sheinberg on Saturday morning. Gerry gave an invigorating and thoughtful talk on the presidency of the United States.

As a side note, Harold Kushner lived those days of yesteryear by being interviewed and taped on WKCR for about a half-hour of reminiscences. The good old days in Hamilton Annex.

It is always good to give a plug to a Columbian in another class. Ben Oppenheimer '94, a member of the astronomy department, gave a fascinating lecture Friday morning of reunion to a group of '55ers at the American Museum of Natural History and then joined everyone for lunch. The Core comes to life!

Others who could not be part of the festivities and sent regrets but promised to be at the 60th were Mike Vaughn, Charlie Sergis (family issues), Jack Stupin (whose art exhibit in March received an excellent review in *Art News*), Ben Kaplan, Herman

Okean, Jim Hudson, Bob Sparrow (getting better every day), Harvey Greenberg (still practicing psychiatry on the Upper West Side of Manhattan and clinical professor of psychiatry at Albert Einstein College of Medicine) and Shelly Bloom (living in Ojai, Calif., and teaching courses in psychology and American government at the Brooks Institute in Ventura).

A lot of interesting things will be and have been taking place around the world, in the United States and on campus over the next several months. As part of the Columbia Alumni Travel Study Program, in March there will be a tour by private jet to the "Hidden Wonders of the World," a journey to extraordinary cultural treasures of remote lands (Japan, Indonesia, New Guinea, Vietnam and more). Noted commentator Bill Moyers will be the special lecturer for a cruise in late 2010 exploring "Ancient Cities of North Africa and Andalusia." A special voyage will be conducted in February 2011 to Namibia and South Africa with guest lecturers Paul Volcker (yes, that Paul Volcker) and David Welsh (Cape Town native).

Columbia will be well represented at the Sundance Film Festival by the School of the Arts in Park City, Utah, in late January. It is always an exciting and rewarding event.

In case those classmates in the Chicago area missed it, Provost Claude Steele spoke to a packed house about his groundbreaking research on stereotypes. We are sure there will be a repeat performance.

A huge crowd turned out for the fifth annual Columbia Alumni Association picnic, held on South Field in July and bringing Columbians from different departments, as well as alumni and students (who were around the city) together to eat, drink, play games and just be happy. We espied Columbia's new men's basketball coach, Kyle Smith, around campus. (In fact, Ron McPhee, our captain, met Kyle during a brief interlude at reunion.) It could be an exciting year for the Light Blue.

The Café series has been proceeding apace. Two interesting lectures were given by the all-star Columbia faculty: Café Humanities: the George Sansom Professor of History and Professor of East Asian Languages and Cultures Carol Gluck explained how, after 65 years, WWII remained a contested issue in history and memory in many countries; Café Science: Palisades Geophysical Institute Senior Research Scientist and lecturer in environmental science Robin Bell explored the extremely cool science at the ends of the earth. Remember, every Monday from 6-7 p.m., there

is a lot of knowledge coming forth from the Pi-Nic Café. Be there. Read more on the Alumni Office's Events Calendar: www.college.columbia.edu/alumni/events.

A new sport has emerged—speed dating. Although it might not pertain to most members of our class, the purpose in mentioning it is to broaden everyone's scope of knowledge on how recent grads socialize and try to find their soul mates. The last gathering was held during the summer at the Columbia University Club in New York City and will be repeated as we get into the colder months.

Gentle and sensitive souls of the Class of 1955. Stay on top of your game. You guys are the best in everything you do. Let's not rest on our laurels. Love to all, everywhere!

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Alan Miller, our esteemed class president and longtime CCT class correspondent, is fighting pancreatic cancer. Hopefully by the time you read this he will have been released from the hospital and will be involved in treatment to cure this serious disease. Meanwhile, I have been keeping classmates informed as to his condition and attitude, and it is all good. We have a number of classmates who have beaten cancer or serious illness, including Mark Novick and Lou Hemmerdinger, who beat prostate cancer; Joe Pimsleur, who beat colon cancer; and Ron Kapon, who survived thoracic surgery. We can only hope that Alan's name will be added to that list. I ask for your continued concern and prayers for Alan's recovery.

In the interim, I will be writing the Class Notes along with Leonard Wolfe, our class historian. I will collect all the information that you had previously sent to Alan or the Alumni Office. Please contact me at the postal or e-mail address at the top of the column, and Lenny and I will make sure your note makes it into a future column. I did this edition solo in order to make the deadline. Please bear with me while I get up to speed!

Members of our class (and one wife) who attended Dean's Day events this year: Ruth and Stan Soren, John Censor and Jordan

Bonfante enjoyed the lectures and a luncheon discussion with the dean, Michele Moody-Adams. She expressed interest in expanding the courses offered to alumni, which Alan Miller has taken and speaks of so highly (www.college.columbia.edu/alumni/events).

As for more of our literary class members, Joe Pimsleur, who has worked for the *San Francisco Chronicle* for many years, penning many articles including one in 1958 about Cuba that predicted the chain of political events before Fidel Castro came to power, is collecting records of all his past contacts and hopes it will become an interesting book some day. Leonard Wolfe, who has worked for *Time*, is writing a primer on economics for the layperson. I have seen an initial draft of his book, and if anyone can make economics simple, understandable and fun, it is our Lenny. Jordan Bonfante will be relocating from Germany, where he was based as a *Time* correspondent, to NYC. We look forward to seeing more of Jordan.

Ron Kapon celebrated his 75th birthday at the Hudson County Community College of Culinary Arts; Marvin Geller attended. I can only assume that the food and wine were superb. Ron is arranging for a wine tasting event at our 55th reunion.

Fred Brooks tells me that he and Sid Shenberg '55 and other Sammy fraternity brothers meet regularly to discuss—what else?—business deals... go for it! John Censor, when he is not busy with his consulting business, contributes to New York theater organizations, and regularly in-line skates to keep in shape. My twin brother, Maurice Easton (Pop quiz: How many twins were in our class? Answer in next Class Notes.) keeps in shape with regular tennis games with his Michigan group of players while planning his annual six weeks of skiing in Aspen.

On Friday, October 22, Frank Thomas will be inducted into the Columbia University Athletics Hall of Fame at a reception on campus. Anyone interested in attending should contact Felicia Ganther, development assistant, athletics department, at fj2131@columbia.edu.

Since 2011 is a reunion year, there are many exciting upcoming events. The first will be Homecoming, Saturday, October 23, Columbia vs. Dartmouth, at Baker Athletics Complex. In connection with Homecoming, Al Franco '56E will work with Danny Link to arrange an after-football-game dinner at the Compass Restaurant. Danny arranged that for our last year, and everyone enjoyed the special food and service we were accorded thanks to Danny's relationship with the

restaurant's owner. Al, by the way, is working with Joseph Godfrey '69 Business at Mass Mutual (Advance Wealth Solutions). You may recall Joseph's wealth management presentation at our 40th reunion. So you can see the benefit of networking with Columbia alumni.

The next scheduled reunion planning meeting will be at Alan Press' office, East 41st Street and Lexington Avenue (details will be sent out) on Tuesday, September 21. Any thoughts or comments you have about events you would like to see during our 55th reunion should be sent to me at tbal8000@earthlink.net. I will pass these on to the Reunion Committee members for inclusion in our September 21 meeting. In that regard, Bob Sirotky, former president of the Columbia University Club of Northern New Jersey, and I will be coordinating efforts to get two exceptional speakers, one for our Saturday lunch and one for our Saturday dinner. Again, suggestions are welcome.

Thanks to Class Agents Daniel Link, Alan Press, Al Franco '56E, Alan Miller and Stanley Soren for making this year's Class of '56 class scholarship fund a success in terms of total dollars and class participation. Thanks to all classmates who contributed.

Class members who want to keep in touch should send their e-mail address to Lou Hemmerdinger: lhemmer@aol.com. This seems to be the best way to stay in touch with the majority of class members. Please keep in contact with Columbia in whatever ways you feel appropriate. It has been a force of power, I am sure, in each and every one of our lives.

Until our next issue, love and regards to all.

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George Leibowitz: "I was shocked when I read in CCT of the passing of Albert Anton Jr. He was a classmate of mine at Wharton as well. Although we were never very close, during our professional careers we crossed paths several times and almost did some deals. Al was in the World Trade Center on 9-11 and reduced to writing shortly thereafter his observations."

Al's account of his escape on 9-11 appeared in the November 2001 issue of CCT; it is reprinted here as a memorial to Al.

"Al Anton experienced what he described as 'a day like no other' on September 11, when he was at the World Trade Center for a seminar instead of at his midtown office.

He was having coffee with a friend and enjoying the view from the north windows on the 44th floor when the first plane struck. All he could see was a blur above him. 'The building shook, making it hard for me to maintain my balance,' he related.

"In a most moving three-page account of the day's events, Al tells of his descent on the smoke-filled stairway, passing firefighters and security people, and his subsequent odyssey through the financial district, Chinatown, Little Italy and Greenwich Village. All the while he was unable to reach his wife, two sons and daughter; only in the afternoon did they learn that he was safe.

"Seared in his memory is 'the image of the young firefighters and security people heading up the stairs ... in all likelihood going to their deaths.' Al thought of this passage from John 15:13: 'Greater love hath no man than this, that a man may lay down his life for his friends.' He added, 'The hate that inspired the raid has been eclipsed by the love and compassion and devotion to duty that has characterized New York and, indeed, all America in the past few days. If we can retain this spirit, all the loss and suffering will not have been in vain.'"

Ed Weinstein: "Seventeen '57ers gathered at The University Club on June 14 to partake of friendship, good food and an elegant architectural surrounding. There were two round tables and the conversation was animated, ranging from the ramifications of the oil spill, the idea of altering the format of these luncheons (little support was found for this) and discussion of current economic and stock market conditions, to discussions of recent events in our lives. We welcomed Jim Barker, Mike Lipper and Peter Anker, and especially Stan Barnett, who traveled from Kingston, R.I., to join us. Regulars in attendance included Neil McLellan, Alan Brown, Bob Kleinstein, Carlos Muñoz, Dave Kinne, Joe Feldschub, Ron Kushner, Sal Franchino, Mark Stanton, George Lutz, Marty Fisher and myself. Bob Lipsyte also joined us and announced the completion of a book of memoirs on his sportswriting career, which will be published next year. The conversation was spontaneous among both old friends and classmates making new acquaintances. After the meeting broke, Steve Byfish, who had been attending another lunch at the UC, joined Marty and me for further conversation and regaled us with stories of recent romances. Several who had arrived early used the club atrium and

reading room for a prelude to our luncheon. As usual, we all left with smiles, grateful for a great education and wonderful camaraderie."

Alan Zuckerman "My wife, Marilyn, and I moved to Madison, Wis., on June 14. We took possession of our new downtown condo on June 15. Our address is 360 W. Washington Ave., #704, Madison, WI 53703.

"We still have our cell phones: Marilyn, 302-344-1933 and Alan, 302-344-1458; our land line is 608-237-2884. Our e-mail address will remain the same. We hope you will stay in touch with us.

"We are just 10 minutes from where our son, Jonas, daughter-in-law, Kate, and grandson, William (1), live. William is the magnet that drew us to Madison.

"We'll miss our friends in Bethesda, Del., but we plan to stay in touch and come back to visit, as we have with friends we left in Philadelphia, North Miami Beach, Washington, D.C., and South Africa. We're looking forward to a new adventure in our lives."

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We regret to report the deaths of two classmates, **James Meyers** died in Ithaca, N.Y., on April 15. According to his obit in the *Ithaca Journal*, he was a "civil rights activist, dancer of Universal Peace, librarian, free thinker, writer, actor, lover, nudist and free spirit." Quite a resume! James met his wife, Joan, while he was at the College, and they returned to her hometown, South Bend, Ind., where he was for many years the film librarian at the South Bend Public Library. Unusual for both the "Silent Generation" and Indiana in the '60s, Jim joined the countercultural revolution and became an anti-war activist; he conducted a seminar at the library called "World Peace Through World Law." He later was a librarian with the Albuquerque Public Library. James is survived by his sons, Pete and David, and one grandson.

Robert Ott, a Pennsylvanian from first to last, died in Mt. Lebanon, Pa., on March 27. At the College, Bob was on the football team. He served in the Navy during the Korean War. After many years as a director of personnel for U.S. Steel (which became USX) in Pittsburgh, he became a consultant after he retired. Bob's wife, Eary, predeceased him. He is survived by five children, Eary, Robert, Aleta Weakland, Ilena Yurochko and

Bruce, and seven grandchildren.

We also are truly sorry to pass along the news of the death of **Joan and Mark Weiss'** daughter, **Sarahbeth**, who died of a heart attack on May 16. Sarahbeth graduated from Clark and earned an M.A. in special education at Bank Street College. She devoted her career to teaching special education and in Head Start programs for underserved populations in the D.C. area. After her death, Sarahbeth was teaching special education classes at Sargent Shriver Elementary School in Maryland. Your reporter knew her for her entire all-too-short life. A sweet child who grew up to become a warm and caring woman, she dedicated her life to kids who really needed her and had an unusual and impressive ability to connect with the wide range of people she dealt with. Sarahbeth is survived by her siblings, Rebecca, Jonathan '88 and Debby.

Bob Tauber '58 has been appointed the chairman of the Council on Ethics of the N.Y. State Dental Association.

Congratulations to **Steve Jonas** on receiving the Distinguished Alumni Award from the Yale School of Public Health. In addition to his College degree and M.D., Steve received his M.P.H. from Yale in 1967. Steve teaches at SUNY Stony Brook as a professor of preventive medicine at both the School of Medicine and the graduate program in public health. He has written or edited more than 30 books and published more than 135 papers in scientific journals. In his spare time, Steve is a triathlete and ski instructor.

Bob Tauber has been appointed the chairman of the Council on Ethics of the N.Y. State Dental Association. The Council holds hearings on complaints by patients about possible NYSDA ethics code violations. Bob is a past president of the 9th District Dental Association (covering Westchester, Rockland, Putnam, Dutchess and Orange Counties).

"Getting older, but still going strong," **Bob Waldbaum** has taken on two new jobs. First, he is heading the Robert S. Waldbaum Center (named in recognition of Bob's accomplishments), a Manhasset satellite office of the Arthur Smith Institute for Urology. He also has been named vice-chair of the Development Council of the AUA Foundation. He remains chairman emeritus of the Department of Urology at North Shore University Hospital. And in his spare time, Bob is chairman of the Dean Council of the new Hofstra North Shore LIJ Medical School, which will greet its

first class in September 2011.

Fabrizio Melano's "sleek direction" led to rave reviews for the *Julia* Opera's production of *Dialogues Des Carmélites* earlier this year. Fabrizio had a long involvement with the New York City Opera.

New but retro horizons await **Dick Dreiwitz** and his trombone. Dick played in the College marching band and for many years was part of Woody Allen's combo (along with Dick's wife, Barbara, on the tuba). He and Barbara still perform regularly. Now Dick will appear in a new HBO series, *Boardwalk Empire*, as a member of a band that's featured in this story of Atlantic City in the 1920s. The series stars Steve Buscemi as a political boss, along with Gretchen Mol, Dabney Coleman and Michael K. Williams (Omar from *The Wire*). Dick's role requires regular visits to the main set at Steiner Studios at the Brook-

lyn Navy Yard to refresh his '20s haircut. "Until now, I had to pay the barber; now he pays me. What a curious world," Dick observes.

Marshall Front hosted an informal breakfast at the Chicago Club for Dean Michele Moody-Adams and a group of Chicago-area alumni, including Norman Gelfand '59, John C. von Leson '62, Thomas C. Homburger '63, Paul D. O'Connor '79, Daniel Balsam '91 and Rebecca L. Nathan '01. This was the dean's first trip to Chicago, her hometown, since her appointment. She updated the group on College activities and answered questions about the University's expansion above 125th Street, athletics and the future of the Core Curriculum, among other things.

The Class Lunch is held on the second Wednesday of every month in the Grill Room of the Princeton/Columbia Club, 15 W. 43rd St. (\$31 per person). E-mail **Art Radin** if you plan to attend, up to the day before: aradin@radinlunch.com.

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Ralph Alster sent an interesting contribution, which unfortunately is too long for a single issue of CCT. I am including the first part here; the second part will be included in the next issue.

Ralph writes, "Architecture, painting, writing, wife and kids have pretty much consumed my life since '59. Right out of Columbia, I did brief stints at the *New York Post* and *The Wall Street Journal*. I received my M.Arch. degree from Harvard in '66. Harvard and my life away from home in Cambridge gave me the self-liberation that I'd not been able to attain to during my commuter years at Columbia. But even though I soon made it to becoming a senior designer at I.M. Pei first and then at SOM New York before going off on my own, architecture ultimately panned out as an arid wasteland for me, as it was too much of a detour from my writing and painting passions that my fearsome lack of self-confidence shunted aside post-'59 and did not allow their taking full hold of me until the late '80s."

"Mid-'80s, I designed and patented two novel furniture systems. The first I sold to a Swedish manufacturer. The second — a Lego-style, all-solid-hardwood, no-hardware-or-glue required self-assembly system — I decided to manufacture and produce on my own. But my marketing ignorance and essential antipathy to marketing never knew how to get it off the ground commercially."

"This is in keeping with my being probably so archetypically a locked-inside-myself outsider that there will be hardly any of my '59 classmates remembering my having existed amongst them all. And with possibly only those several of my high school classmates — **Bob Pecora**, **Joe Krieger**, **Ray Cohen** and **Allan Franklin** — remembering that I'd gone with them out of New Utrecht H.S. in Brooklyn to Columbia. Some goes for my Yeshiva Ohel Moshe classmate **Isler Woloch**, who likewise went to Columbia with me, but in his case out of Yeshiva of Flatbush H.S.

"Isler, as everyone knows, later found himself everlastingly Columbia-embedded as a French Revolution specialist, tenured in the University's history department until his retirement in 2008. Aside from those several high school and grade school carryovers, there won't be any others who'll remember me because of how few friendships my fearful shyness allowed to me for countering my near-absolute isolation that my being a full-time West-End-line commuter from 78th Street, Bensonhurst, Brooklyn, had me embracing.

"Isler then lived two blocks away on 80th street in Bensonhurst. But he'd managed to swing it somehow, his becoming full-time resident starting during the spring semester of our freshman year. And so while Isler's joining Phi

Sig along with **Allan Franklin** had him eventually developing closer ties with my high school friends than my own painful shyness had been able to maintain, even those grade school and high school friendships that I'd brought with me faded into nothingness rather quickly.

"Perhaps **John Corigliano** and **Jerome Charyn** will have some vague recollections, as vague as my own, of our lives having briefly intersected. In Charyn's case, related to our A-grade essays having translated into our becoming Jim Shenton '49 favorites. Lifelong-so for Charyn, while not so enduringly to my own timid insularity that it did not allow my actively engaging Shenton as a friend once post-graduation. I'd fallen away from any more resorting to his laughter-filled patter that I'd seek as a student from time to time whenever I'd be able to muster the courage for yet another visit to his Hamilton Hall attic office. And as for my really having been a favorite of his, mightn't it simply have been the deflating beguilement that his large-spirited genius knew so well how to cast, and with especial effectiveness on the friendship-hungering of such introverted souls as I'd then been one of myself?"

"With regard to Corigliano, I can remember only that it had been the outgoing friendliness that sought to befriend the non-responsiveness of my own overwhelmed sense of inadequacy that had brought us together only ever so briefly.

"My wife, Adi, and I met in the States when she visited from Israel. Our rocky-road marriage is in its 38th year. We dearly love our adorable children. Our son, Adam, is an attorney; our daughter, Orel Alster-MacNamee, is a teacher—these days a full-time mother to her son, Hudson (3), and her daughter, Grey (5). Our 3-month-preemie daughter, Aviv, functions in technical consultation to the pacemaker embedment and activation procedures that heart surgeons engage in. September 2 is the scheduled date for her marriage to Mike Mihalic that will have her becoming Aviv Alster-Mihalic. All of my children studied undergrad and grad at Rutgers."

Sheldon Golub writes, "I have retired from the practice of child and adult psychiatry in Great Neck, Long Island, and now live in sunny Sedona, Ariz., and enjoy Red Rock country. I would like to hear from members of the Class of '59: drsgolub@aol.com."

From **Wally Katz** we hear "about not participating. I would guess that many of us are busy and have lost touch with some in our class. For example, I am associate editor

of an online journal at Stony Brook, *Globality Studies Journal*, and a visiting scholar at the university. I'm likewise a member of the Columbia seminar, "20th-Century Global Politics and History," as well as a contributor, on occasion, to *New Labor Forum* (and forthcoming) *Disent*. I not only edit G5J but also am its book review editor, and I have much thinking, reading and writing to do for a book of my own, tentatively titled, *Fateful Decisions: The Rise And Fall Of The American Political Economy Of Growth (1945-2008)*.

"Since my open-heart surgery, I have had a few trivial complications, not always well-treated or easily discerned by local doctors—I live on West Island, near Huntington (Long Suffolk)—and to ensure that my pump continues to work well (above 65 ejection fraction) and with repaired valves, daily (or almost daily) exercise is both necessary and pleasurable. I also keep up endlessly with friends scattered over the globe, am a devoted movie buff who has published three or four long and serious reviews of movies such as *Strange Nights*, *Mystic River*, *Crash* and *Syriana*, and I meet many friends in NYC and elsewhere for lunch, dinner, drinks whatever, as well as trying to pursue a life in line with the demands of cars and libido, having been divorced since 1992. So where is there time for chat?"

"I don't remember our class as a particularly cohesive group and, in addition, as I mentioned in an earlier blog or communication, many of the people who were my friends or chums or whom I admired greatly are dead, such as **Henry Ebol**, **Erwin Glikes** and **Dale Kramer**. I've kept in touch with **Ken Scheffel**, but that's largely because he was in my fraternity. Where, for example, is **Ben Haimowitz**, an old chum and fraternity brother? What's he doing and where does he live? I heard a good number of years ago that he was doing publicity for Giuliani rather than being the poet he was meant to be. Anyway, you get the drift. At least Jacques Barzun '27 is still alive."

Allan Franklin was on a ride. "My big activity was to be a bike ride halfway across America, from Brainerd, Minn., to Bar Harbor, Maine. I am doing half of what we call Sea-to-Shining-Sea. The trip has started, and if anyone wants to follow the exploits of my colleagues you can go to www.crazyguyonabike.com/doc/seatoshiningseag2010.

"I joined the team on July 1 and became the leader of the peloton, but only if you start counting from the rear."

Al Padwa sends us the information that, "It was in the mid-1980s that I discovered that another pas-

sion in my life, aside from chemistry and my family, lay in climbing tall mountains. To me, mountains are like life: You see them from the bottom up and the summit seems hard to reach. However, once you are on the top, everything is clear. I associate the top of mountains with success, achievement and freedom. In contrast, the lower part of the mountain possesses many obstacles and challenges that need to be overcome. This is really not so different from bringing a chemical research project to fruition and getting it published.

"My first real mountaineering experience was a climb to the top of Mount Rainier in 1984. During the ensuing 26 years, I have climbed extensively in Ecuador, Bolivia, Peru, Argentina, Chile, Tanzania, Western China and Nepal. A table of climbs is listed following. Not long ago, I climbed the Volcano Licancabur in the Salar de Uyuni region of Bolivia, which tops out at 19,600 ft. I am still scientifically active as a professor of chemistry at Emory. For anyone interested in details and photos of some of my climbs, go to <http://eucl6f6f.chem.emory.edu/padwa.html>.

"1984 Mount Rainier USA 14,400 ft.
"1987 Mount Cotopaxi Ecuador 19,800 ft.
"1988 Mount Chimborazo Ecuador 20,700 ft.
"1992 Mount Fuji Japan 12,400 ft.
"1994 Mount Aconcagua Argentina 22,840 ft.
"1996 Mount Kilimanjaro Tanzania 19,340 ft.
"1997 Asangate Cocha trek Peru 17,160 ft.
"1999 Mount Cabeza Condor Bolivia 18,640 ft.
"2000 Mount Quandry, Lincoln, Democrat USA 14,280 ft.
"2001 Mount Kala Pittar—Everest trek Nepal 18,300 ft.
"2003 Mount Cuyoc—Huayhuash Peru 19,000 ft.
"2005 Mt Kosciuszko Australia 7,300 ft.
"2006 Mount Elbert, Mount Massive USA 14,400 ft.
"2007 Torres del Paine—Patagonia Chile 10,000 ft.
"2008 Mustang Aha West China 16,300 ft.
"2009 Annapurna trek, Thorung-La Pass Nepal 17,870 ft.
"2010 Volcano Licancabur Bolivia 19,600 ft."

Bob Stone wants us to know that, "On May 17, **Steve Buchman**, **Jack Kahn** and I accepted an invitation from the Alumni Office to carry the Class of 1959 banner in the Alumni Parade of Classes at Class Day. I assume the invitation/honor can be attributed to our continuing support, financial and other, of the College

and its activities.

"The day was beautiful. There was a champagne brunch, and a good time for us, friends/spouses and the about-to-graduate Class of 2010. Marcia, my wife of 50 years by the time you read this, was most impressed by the dignity and fun of the whole morning and proud to see the Class of 1959 banner go by, held by Steve, Jack and me. The speakers were excellent, including Dean Michele Moody-Adams and President Lee C. Bollinger. The representatives of the Class of 2010 whom we heard and met were extraordinarily gifted with positive ideas for the future of mankind. I think we are in good hands."

Steve Trachtenberg is a grandfather once again, "Isaac, 6 lbs., 12 oz., born in San Francisco to Beth and Adam Trachtenberg '97. All well. Huzzah!"

Josh Flierer has celebrated his 50th anniversary. Congratulations! He writes that, "In 1960, I married a Barnard woman, Norma Damashek, who was in her senior year. We have three children who are grown, and three grandchildren under 7."

"We gathered them all, with their spouses, to take an Alaskan cruise in June after the grandchildren were done with school. We had never been to Alaska; in fact, we had never been on a cruise. This seemed like a good time to break the mold."

"Norma stepped down from her second term as president of the San Diego League of Women Voters, and I finished my 40th academic year at UC San Diego School of Medicine."

Josh has agreed to tell us about the cruise for a later edition of our Class Notes.

We also have a contribution from **Ralph Wyndrum Jr.** about a trip through the Panama Canal, which will have to wait for the next issue. Also, **Ken Scheffel** has promised to tell us about his trip to Europe this summer.

Take care and stay well.

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During that memorable extended weekend in June, Alumni Reunion Weekend 2010, the Class of '60 returned 141 classmates who registered to commemorate the 50th anniversary of our graduation. The previous record for a 50th reunion, set by the Class of '55, was 141. It was a goal our reunion committee had hoped to surpass, but our achievement of that number was gratifying. We salute the Class of '55 for setting a standard that

challenged us to exert every effort to duplicate its accomplishment. In due course, particularly with significantly larger class sizes, the record surely will be broken.

A Reunion Committee, which worked relentlessly to encourage your return through direct mail, e-mail and countless telephone calls, has taken its bows. The professional Alumni Office staff that was indefatigable in working with our class and pulling together the events that assured a seamless, magical weekend, including Paul Staller, Meghan Eschmann and Kimberly Peterson, deserves the highest praise, as does Susan Feagin, who has taken the University Office of Alumni and Development to a new level of professionalism. But the highest accolades belong to all of you who made the trip to Morningside from every part of the country, from across oceans and from as far as Taiwan, bearing a radiant warmth and enthusiasm that infused every event on and off campus. So here's an acknowledgment to the magnificent 141. And if you were a walk-on who attended but didn't register, or if the list omits a classmate you know was there, drop a note and let us know (not that we're competitive of course, but it would be a treat if we could add to our total, thereby establishing a record):

Bob Abrams, John Albright, Don Altshuler, Alan Ashare, Barry Augenbraun, Geoff Basson, Robert Berind, Bob Berne, Bob Berselli, Peter Bogdan, Paul Brief, Steve Brown, Jerry Cantor, Paul Chevalier, Eldon Clingan, Steve Cooper, Joseph D'Erasmio, Art Delmhorst, Ted Demetriou, Bill Engler, Bruce Ettinger, Byron Falk, David Farner, Harold Federman, Fred Feiner, Alan Feld, Paul Feldman, Andrew Feuerstein, Paul Fierstein, Peter Fischbein, Robert Fischbein, John Fouds, Richard Friedlander, Lenny Fuchs, Ralph Galdo, Michael Gelfand, Joe Giacalone, Marvin Gilbert, David Goldman, Syd Goldsmith, Frederick Gordon, Nathan Gross, John Gubbings, John Hamby, Tom Hamilton, Sidney Hart, Carl Henriquez, Bob Hersh, Gary Hershendorfer, Mike Hertzberg, Phil Hirschkop, Bill Host, Jay Jackman, Ira Jaffrey, Lee Jaret, Danny Jezer, Fred Johnson, Elliott Kaback, Ene Kaiman, Ron Kane, Joel Kanter, Alfred Kaplan, Michael Katz, Dick Kerber, David Kirk, Ivan Koota, David Krebs, Andy Kubishen, Norm Lane, Larry Lefkowitz, Stephen Lerner, Joel Levine, Bob Levine, Bob Lewis, Herb London, Thad Long, Leonard Lustig, Bob Machleder, Geoffrey Maltin, Harris Markhoff, Claudio Marzollo, Karl Maury, Miles McDonald, Doug McKnight, Alvin

Michaelson, George Miller, Mike Millman, Robert Morgan, George Morren, Paul Nagano, James O'Reilly, Bob Oberhand, Stephen Olenendorf, Elliot Olstein, Carlos Olavarro, Tom Palmieri, John Pegram, Frank Pepe, Peter Phillips, Martin Pilch, Martin Pincus, Rene Plessner, Josh Pruzansky, Tony Quintavalla, Stephen Reich, Ian Reiss, D'Arcy Roche, Rich Rodin, Lee Rosner, Joe Rubin, Larry Rubinstein, Vince Russo, Michael Scheck, Steve Scheiber, Daniel Schwartz, Joe Schwartz, Peter Schweitzer, Bill Seeger, Howard Seyffer, Dan Shapiro, Serge Shewchuk, Joel Silverman, Frank Siracusa, Fred Slavik, Steve Solander, Irwin Sollinger, Jonas Strimaitis, Phil Suraci, Bill Tanenbaum, Orin Trandahl, Frank Tuerkheimer, Ivan Vamos, Mike Villano, Robert von Zumbusch, Steve Wang, Rolf Weinigard, Paul Wolsk, Irwin Young, Jack Zeller, Marvin Zelman and Frank Zmorzenski.

On the subject of records, two discoveries at the reunion will be noted:

First, in the alphabetical listing above, Vince Russo and Michael Scheck appear, coincidentally, sequentially. It had long ago been reported that Vince held the grandfather record with 16 grandchildren. Michael, however, established with photographic evidence that his 18 grandchildren put him indisputably in the lead.

And we learned that a second member of our class has the distinction of having an asteroid or minor planet named after him by the internationally recognized naming authority, the International Astronomical Union, for his achievements in science.

Paul Feldman was so honored for his work in spectroscopic astronomy at The Johns Hopkins University, where he has been since 1967. Paul, a professor in the Department of Physics and Astronomy, had Asteroid 3658 named after him. The designation reads that he was so honored for his numerous contributions in ultraviolet spectroscopy, particularly of the Earth's atmosphere, Venus, the outer planets and comets. His design and supervision of a number of spacecraft instruments have led to many advances in our understanding of physical processes in the solar system.

In our outreach efforts to classmates, one of the most successful was spearheaded by David Kirk, who was responsible for contacting NROTC members. Of the 44 surviving classmates who were in NROTC, 22 returned for the 50th. Two who didn't attend responded to the NROTC survey.

Steven Hess served for two

years as damage control assistant on the *USS Forrest Sherman* and extended for another two years when offered a billet as press officer for the 9th Naval District in New York City. "I had gotten our ship a lot of good press in my collateral duty as ship's public information officer. I had hoped to stay in, but there were no openings in the PIO ranks where I felt I had the best shot at an interesting career. I left the service as a lieutenant (jg), but for some reason, my discharge papers promoted me to lieutenant even though I never got to wear two full stripes.

"I spent most of my business life in the photo industry and built a successful manufacturing company that I sold in 1998 and thought I was going to retire.

"Some years back, after a divorce and a remarriage, my wife begged me to run the business side of her growing practice, and I found myself again working 60-plus hours a week; this time pro bono.

"I am active with the Coast Guard Auxiliary program, and when we have an occasional weekend free, my wife and I cruise on Lake Ontario on our 36-ft. trawler. My ties to the Navy remain strong. I am in contact with my beloved tin can skipper, although he now is very frail. I also am in touch with several of my wardrobe mates. We have been trying to save our ship from the welder's torch for years, and it will come down to the wire shortly."

Norman Nordlund. Norm had responded to the NROTC survey. He was uncertain whether he would be able to make the reunion. On April 28, after a brief illness, Norm died.

Norm was born in Pori, Finland. He came to the United States with his parents and grew up in Hastings-on-Hudson, N.Y. Commissioned an ensign, his first duty assignment was in Rhode Island. He became a naval aviator flying the Douglas Skyraider. He served on the aircraft carriers *USS Independence*, *USS Saratoga* and *USS Forrestal* from 1961-65. He had 303 carrier landings. From 1965-67, Norm was a flight instructor in Pensacola, Fla., instructing student naval aviators in carrier landings. He achieved rank as Lt. USNR Ret. After leaving the Navy in 1967, Norm pursued a distinguished career with TWA that lasted 31 years, flying every major aircraft, including the 707, 727, L1011 and 747.

Norm was an avid fisherman and loved deep sea fishing, or just spending time on a lake with his wife, Denise, and grandchildren. He is survived by Denise; daughter, Carolyn; sons, Michael and Karl; and four grandchildren.

We missed Norm and send our deepest condolences to his family. Some final thoughts:

Reflections, recollections, reunion highlights and sidelights are yours. They are best when shared. Peter Fischbein commented to

Paul Feldman '60 was honored for his work in spectroscopic astronomy at The Johns Hopkins University, where he has been since 1967.

Another NROTC member, Michael O'Connell, wrote this:

"After three years of active Navy duty, I worked for more than 20 years in various aspects of the international engineering and construction business: large industrial plants for minerals processing, chemicals, forest products and so on.

"I then got involved for a while in development of commercial and industrial real estate until I settled down to something I enjoyed: building and repairing small boats.

"At middle age, I got back into competitive rowing at the masters level and still have my single-scul sitting in my yard.

"Four years ago, I retired to North Carolina with my sweetie, unfortunately now deceased. I am restoring (slowly) my 38-year-old 36-ft. ketch, which is consuming most of my time and money."

Only weeks before the reunion, David Kirk was on the phone with

me that the Class Notes seemed to serve a handful of guys sending letters to each other. "But Peter," I rejoined, "you never wrote." Loquacious and open about their lives in face-to-face conversation, our classmates are a fairly recent bunch about submitting a note for publication. So join the conversation. Let's hear what you're doing; what's on your mind; what's important to you in your life; what thoughts and emotions you took away from the reunion; or why you didn't attend.

As a four-year commuter at the College, I shared a lunch table on virtually a daily basis with a sizable group of commuters, most of whom I've not seen in 50 years. Spending time and catching up with Andy Feuerstein, Bill Engler and Lenny Fuchs was the highlight of many highlights for me. What were yours?

Take a few moments and send a note.

REUNION JUNE 2-JUNE 5

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We are now less than one year away from our 50th reunion, which will take place Thursday, June 2-Sunday, June 5, 2011. The Reunion Committee is planning the event with the help of the Alumni Office. Anyone interested in helping should contact **Tony Adler** (awadler@spartacommercial.com) or **Burt Ehrlich** (burt@bloomberg.com) with their ideas.

Bob Pollack has been a professor of biological sciences at Columbia since 1978, even when he was dean of the College in the '80s. For the past decade, he has been the director of the Center for the Study of Science and Religion as well, and this past year was appointed a member of the Faculty of the Earth Institute at Columbia.

Now 70 and in his 23rd year as a Columbia professor, Bob will take on another new responsibility, replacing his Humanities A teacher, Professor Emeritus of Slavic Languages Robert Belknap, as director of University Seminars.

Bob is looking forward to seeing many classmates next spring. He invites classmates to be in touch with him at pollack@columbia.edu and to let him know when there is something happening on campus that they would like to know more about.

Among the six books honored with Ambassador Book Awards from the English-Speaking Union on June 10 were two by members of the Class of '61, **Morris Dickstein's** *Dancing in the Dark: A Cultural History of the Great Depression*, in American studies, and **Melvin Urofsky's** *Louis D. Brandeis: A Life*, in biography. Morris delivered the June 2 Commencement Address at the CUNY Graduate Center.

The George Washington University Association of Sociology **Richard Zamoff**, who directs the Jackie Robinson School at GW, is looking for elementary schools, middle schools and junior high schools interested in partnering with GW's Jackie Robinson Society for further Robinson's legacy as an informal civil rights leader by introducing his story to their students. Representatives of interested schools should contact Richard: 202-994-8125 or 202-994-6345.

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Roman Kernitsky practices ophthalmology in Freehold, NJ. He writes that the Core Curriculum helps him interact with his patients because "I can discuss any topic with any patient regardless of his/her cultural background." In addition, the Core Curriculum affects the way Roman spends his leisure. He recently vacationed in Turkey, where he visited Greek and Roman ruins. He found that his "knowledge of Greek and Roman classics enabled me to enjoy and appreciate the trip even more." Roman also interviews students from central New Jersey who are applying to Columbia. He may be reached at Roman10418@aol.com. His son, Andrew '03, is a diplomat with the State Department and has been assigned to our embassy in Warsaw.

Anthony Avalorio (avalorio@wesleyan.edu) is surprised to find himself "at this stage" able to "employ all that I learned as an editor and writer to help in a major way a much younger person at an important crossroads in her creative life and at the same time engage in a major writing project of my own. How is this? Happy-go-lucky fool. Trained and practiced and worked real hard without much expectation. Focus is even sharper, spot straight and true through the eye of a needle."

Anthony is working on his 10th book. He claims it is "a purely technical enterprise to do with sex."

Paul Gitman (pgitman@optonline.net) recently retired from North Shore Long Island Jewish Medical Center, where he was v.p. for medical affairs. Following a long career as a general internist, Paul moved into administrative medicine with an emphasis on quality and then entered the final segment of his career in a health system position. He is married to Gail Yeager Gitman '63 Barnard, and they are approaching their 47th anniversary. They have three children and nine grandchildren. Paul enjoys traveling and photography. You may see many of his photographs at <http://gitman.shutterfly.com>. "So far," he writes, "retirement is a blast." He and Gail recently traveled to Tibet, Mongolia, Myanmar (Burma), Bergen, Norway and Iceland.

Last year, **Neilson Abel** (nabeel1940@gmail.com) was one of a group of citizens who sued the City of Portland (Ore.) over the misuse of Urban Renewal Funds and succeeded in stopping the creation of a satellite district comprised solely of an elementary school (non-tax-paying) eight miles from the established River

District Urban Renewal District.

In May, Barbara and **Burt Lehman**, and Kathryn Thompson and I had a wonderful Asian dinner together in New York. As Ed said, "I hope the ladies were not bored with us talking so much about old times." We laughed too much and told endless stories of our experiences together 50 years ago.

Ed's daughter Susan recently received the President's Award for Math and Science Teaching, for which she was honored in Washington, D.C., and met with President Barack Obama '83 and Vice President Joe Biden. More recently, Susan appeared on the 11 p.m. news on Channel 4 in NYC because she has been front and center in the budget battle with New Jersey Governor Chris Christie.

Ed's granddaughter, Maddy Poage, is a high school student and budding author who is writing a fictional trilogy. She has honored her grandfather by allowing him to make suggestions about her early drafts! Ed would love her to go to our alma mater. At a recent Columbia Bridge Program event, Ed spent a wonderful time with **Paul Alter**. "It is," writes Ed, "extraordinary how much our college experiences stay with us throughout our lives."

Although officially retired, Ed works part-time with a foundation that runs summer camps for inner-city kids from NYC. He is the summer camp coordinator, helping hire staff and taking the parents through the process of enrolling in the program. "I have done much volunteering over the years, but this is the most rewarding work I have ever done," Ed writes.

Dick Schwartz continues his work as v.p. and advertising director of *Mort Walker's The Best of Times Magazine* and is developing two new associate publishers for it. His client, Mort Walker, of *Beetle Bailey* and *Hi and Lo's* cartoon fame, will celebrate the 60th anniversary of Beetle late this year.

Great tennis player that he is, Dick nevertheless has been suffering from ligament, tendon and cartilage trouble in his right knee. He attributes that to about 20 years of competitive hard-court tennis in California. Fortunately, the protherapy treatments and nutritional supplements his physician has prescribed are working, and Dick can again walk and exercise seven days a week!

This spring, Dick attended an all-day colloquium at Schermerhorn Hall in honor of Theodore Reff '52, professor emeritus of art history. "It was an awesome experience," Dick says, "for I met many of Dr. Reff's students who had traveled from all over the country to pay tribute to him. All had prepared 30-minute

audio/visual tributes to the artists they had studied for their doctorates: Matisse, Van Gogh, Gris, Roy Lichtenstein, Manet and Klee; to name a few."

You can follow Dick's blog adventures, "Tell it like it is," at www.rjschwartz.blogspot.com. Dick would love to hear from you at rj@richardschwartz.com.

Hilmi Toros (wordsmithsailor@hotmail.com) wants us to know that he is alive and well and living on the tiny isle of Sovalye (from the French word *chevalier*, it having been a fortress during the crusades) and the town of Fethiye in southern Turkey, also known as The Land of Lights.

After a career at the Associated Press with assignments in New York, Miami, the United Nations (1964-80) and heading the media operations of the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization in Rome from 1980-2000, Hilmi opted for sun, light, organic food, swimming and so on. "If any classmates have an intention to come our way," he writes, "please let me hear from you. Best from myself and Karen, my Welsh partner. (Nobody is perfect!)" You can find lots more about both Sovalye and Hilmi by using Google.

Since July 2007, **Stan Lupkin** (slupkin@gnlaw.com) has been almost wholly occupied by a long-term assignment (through 2013 or 2014) as the CEO and executive director of Fortress Monitoring Group. The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey (PANYNJ) selected FMG to be the integrity monitor for the construction of 1 World Trade Center (formerly referred to as the Freedom Tower). "What," writes Stan, "is an integrity monitor? Some have described it as an organization of experienced investigators, forensic auditors, attorneys with law enforcement backgrounds and, in the case of this construction project, forensic structural engineers, whose task is to detect and attempt to prevent white-collar crime in a business or government-funded project. We report directly to the Inspector General of the PANYNJ."

So far, Stan has found his assignment to be challenging and exciting. "It has been," he writes, "an emotional return to ground zero, where I served the same executive function in 2001-02 monitoring the deconstruction of the remnants of the Twin Towers. It has enabled me and many members of my team to witness Phoenix literally rising from the ashes."

Stan's wife, Anne, and he are in the 48th year of a marriage that "gets better and better as time moves forward." Their children, Jonathan (41) and Deborah (39), have blessed Stan and Anne with five granddaughters and one grandson. They range in

age from 12–18. Shira, the eldest, was accepted early decision to Barnard. Her father, Jonathan Lupkin '89, '92L, is a partner in the NYC law firm of Flemming Zulack Williamson & Zauderer. He specializes in complex commercial litigation and some white-collar criminal matters. Jonathan recently was elected chair of the New York State Bar Association's Commercial and Federal Litigation Section.

Anne has been consulting part-time as a teacher of underprivileged parents of pre-schoolers, where she guides them on building learning and reading skills and how to be parents. She recently was president of the Solomon Schechter School of Queens. There is only one blemish in this idyllic story. In Stan's words: "We are all rabid Mets fans."

Barry Leeds (bkleeds01@snet.net), distinguished professor emeritus at Central Connecticut State University, teaches senior and graduate level courses in Hemingway and Mailer. He became a grandfather last June, when Gavin Leeds Woods was born to Barry's daughter, Brett Ashley Leeds, and son-in-law, Gary Woods, both of whom are professors at Rice. Barry looks forward to hearing from classmates and seeing everyone in 2012 at our 50th (!) reunion.

Tobias Barnard is almost retired, enjoying the trials and tribulations (with his wife, Elaine Golden Robinson '63 Barnard, '71 Princeton Ph.D.) of two children, Naomi and Ezra, and four grandchildren.

"When I graduated from Columbia," Tobias recalls, "I asked friends for advice on how to make money before starting graduate school. Someone suggested I try computer programming. My response was, 'What's a computer?' But I soon learned, because the Princeton music department was trying to use computers in every possible way. A career in programming, management and auditing ensued, an intense 40 years of fascinating software, hardware and people interfaces."

Tobias and Elaine have run a tiny consulting company for nearly 25 years. Through it all, he longed to see computers hit the mainstream so that people would understand what he was doing. "So," he writes, "it was very gratifying to see the PC make it big, and yet so horrifying to see all the evils that the interconnected computer world has brought upon us: spam, and, sadly, so much more."

In his almost-retirement, Tobias writes novels. His first, a fantasy, as well as others, are available at Amazon.com. Tobias and Elaine live in Princeton, N.J. He may be reached at tobyr21@gmail.com.

Armando Favazza reports that

the Western Historical Manuscripts Collection of the University of Missouri has asked to be the official repository of his papers and other artifacts of his life. He has copies of *Jester* issues that he edited, his final exam blue book from Margaret Mead's class and all sorts of other material. Armando considers this "a good excuse to clean out my closets and basement files!" Everything will be catalogued online and then stored. It's mentally comforting to know that some part of me will survive."

In May, I spent a delightful morning in Burlington, Vt., with **Charlie Morrow**, whom I hadn't seen since Columbia. Charlie was warm and superbly interesting. He has been composing and doing sound art since graduation and recently developed a fascinating way to reproduce true three-dimensional sound. Recorded sound is now almost exclusively available as binaural, usually called stereo. That means that the recorded sounds we hear actually travel only horizontally, while live sound travels vertically as well. Consequently stereo sound is unable to fully reproduce natural or live sound. Charlie's systems correct this shortcoming by using a computer to adjust what is recorded on a CD for example and then playing it through speakers in or near the floor and ceiling as well as the ones along walls. This incredible invention also produces true sound regardless of the acoustics of the space where it is heard. Charlie has installed systems in major buildings, outdoors and in a few private residences. Someday I'd love to have one of his True 3D inventions in my home. For more information, go to www.sensations3d.com or contact Charlie at cmorrow.com.

Many apologies to **Dr. Sylvain Fribourg** for my failure to include his May note. Sylvain received the "Distinguished President" award for his year of service to the Kiwanis Club of Warner Center, Division 25, Cal-Nev-Ha District of Kiwanis International. You may reach him at sfribourg@earthlink.net.

Thanks for all the news. Please keep e-mailing.

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It occurred to me that in three years, you will be reading a summary here of our great 50th reunion. It's hard to believe, but planning will start in earnest this fall (if you'd like to help, let me know). The results of the Class of 1963 survey that **Don Margolis** and I recently sent to you showed that 38 percent indicate

that they will definitely attend (36 percent answered "maybe"). Obviously, a lot of you have been looking forward to this one. Mark your 2013 calendar. I hope you will all be there; it should be a terrific gathering.

Lee Lowenfiss and I proudly carried the Class of 1963 banner in the Alumni Parade of Classes on Class Day. The College threw a great breakfast and arranged for a glorious day (the University had a little trouble with rain at Commencement the following day). I hope more of you will consider joining us next year at what has become a great tradition. **Patrick Cary-Barnard** continues to post his reports to YouTube. You can see his latest "Pimento Report" by searching for Pimento3. Patrick deals mostly with environmental and development issues in Montréal.

I must say, Patrick, you are looking most joyful!

Barry Jay Reiss sent in an update on his remodeling project: "My wife, Brenda, and I are completing a major remodeling of the first floor of our home, which we've owned since 1968. Like most homes of the '60s, our ground floor had rooms: a hallway, a kitchen, a dining room and a family room. We have entered the new millennium by taking down the walls and making what is called a 'great room,' and we are doing it as green as possible. Our new floor will be bamboo, our ceiling lights low-power halogen, our under-counter lights LED, our paint low-VOC, our cabinets with wood from certified renewable forests, our appliances 'Energy Star' and our countertops from a wonderful company we found here on Long Island that makes them entirely out of a combination of recycled bottles, recaptured stone dust and recycled mirrors, all bonded with a natural corn resin. They are as hard and durable as granite and cost just about the same, and the colors are wonderful. All will be powered, of course, by the solar panels on our roof."

Steve Langfelder writes, "Last winter in Florida, I saw my four-year college roommate, **Don Putnol**, for the first time in decades. After Columbia, Don and I stayed in touch for a while and were even each other's best man at our respective weddings in 1964. But he went on to Harvard Medical School, became an ophthalmologist and eye surgeon, and settled in the Boston area, where he still resides. Both of us enjoy the Berkshires, and we planned to meet there again this summer."

"I remained in New York, obtaining an M.B.A. in accounting from Columbia and spending the better part of the next four decades in public and corporate taxation. I retired in 2001 and have spent most

of the last 10 years enjoying life and working on a graduate degree in couch potato. My wife, Ruth, and I have two married daughters and six grandchildren. One daughter and four of our granddaughters live in Israel, so each year we travel there in the spring, then "import" them in the fall to keep the interval between hugs at six months."

"A friend told me that at this stage, what counts are health, family and friends. So far, health has been good, and two years ago, I started working on my family tree. So far the tree has several hundred 'leaves,' and I've made it back to 1825 with two great-great-grandparents, leaving only 30 more to find at that level. However, this quest will end only, as one genealogist has said, when I can reach the Garden of Eden with one click of the mouse!"

Travel notes from all over: **Don Margolis** recently returned from an Alaskan cruise, and **Jerry Dwyer** and his wife are back from London. Let me know what you did this summer.

The Alumni Office sent me an update saying that **Dr. Charles Cantor**, chief scientific officer of Sequenom, is a director at Exsar Corp. and is a member of the National Academy of Sciences. With a Google search, I discovered that Sequenom manufactures a mass-array genetic analysis system, and I found that Exsar is "a development stage company dedicated to identifying, developing and commercializing small molecule therapeutics for protein misfolding diseases."

David Alpern reports that, after May, *Newsweek* On Air became "For Your Ears Only." If you haven't listened to David's broadcasts, you can find them on the Web (just Google David) or subscribe to them as podcasts. I often listen to them on my Zune when I'm driving. Great stuff, David.

If you are in NYC, try to make the next Class of '63 lunch, scheduled for Thursday, September 9 (then on Thursday, October 14. It's always the second Thursday of the month.). Check our website at www.cc63ers.com for details and to see pictures of our perpetually youthful classmates. See if you can spot an old friend.

In the meantime, let us know what you are up to, how you're doing and what's next.

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It is early in July, very hot in New York City, and writing this column in an air-conditioned office is my escape from the heat.

With the arrival of summer, our monthly class lunch at the Columbia Club was adjourned till September. Thank you to those who have attended during the past few months and contributed to the good-natured banter and wide-ranging discussions: Steve Case, Marty Isserlis, Gil Kahn, Fred Kantor, Beril Lapson, John Langbein, Jeff Newman, Rob Rivitz, Steve Rodner, Nick Rudd, Dan Schechter, Steve Solomon, Allan Sperling, Alan Tobias, Harvey Weiss and Mark Zucker.

We will resume in the fall and meet on Thursdays, September 16, October 14, November 11 and December 9. All the lunches are at the Columbia University Club in Manhattan. We begin at 12:30 p.m., so mark your calendars and join us.

Jeff Newman is president and executive director of the National Child Labor Committee, a private, nonprofit organization founded in 1904 that is one of the nation's leading organizations working with major corporations and government agencies on behalf of young people in the areas of child labor law, youth occupational safety and health, and education. Jeff's son, David, will be married in October in New Orleans. Congratulations, David is the former director of clinical research at the St. Luke's Roosevelt Hospital Emergency Medicine Department in Manhattan, and the author of *Hippocrates' Shadow: Secrets from the House of Medicine*, a highly regarded book on improving the physician-patient relationship. He recently moved to Mount Sinai Hospital in Manhattan.

Gene Meyer is editor of *B'nai B'rith Magazine*, the quarterly publication of the 167-year old Jewish humanitarian, human rights and advocacy organization. The magazine can be viewed at <http://bnaibrit.org/magazines/index.cfm>.

Richard Epstein, who taught for many years at the University of Chicago Law School, now is the Laurence A. Tisch Professor of Law at NYU School of Law.

Nick Rudd, a Glee Club alum, has been hard at work reviving the organization that was founded in 1873. Through his efforts, a reunion was held in June during Alumni Reunion Weekend/Dean's Day; about 100 attended, and the group put on a 75-minute performance for an audience of 300. Nick has put up a website at <http://cugc.alumni.com>. [Editor's note: See "Alumni Corner."]

By the time this is printed, the summer will be over. I hope it was a good one for you and your loved ones. Send me a note about yourself or someone else from '64. Your classmates want to hear from you.

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Regular readers of this column know that a family commitment required me to miss our class' 45th Alumni Reunion Weekend, held June 3-6. Two of the attendees, Brian Fix and Michael Schlanger, graciously agreed to report on all the doings I missed. Here is their report:

The Class of '65 came out in great numbers and in even greater enthusiasm to produce a sterling 45th reunion. And a very good time was had by all, from Mike Cook's opening cocktail party (and we are proud that Dean Michele Moody-Adams started her rounds that evening with us), through the Chelsea Art Gallery Crawl (ably led by A.G. Rosen), to more drinking on Friday evening at the architecturally exquisite new headquarters of Bloomberg (complete with aquariums and the Charlie Rose studio), to a three-hour class lunch and "open mike" session in Casa Italiana, to a rousing Glee Club alumni concert (featuring Jeff Krulwich, Bill Wood, Bob Gunn and Brian Fix, inter alia), to a quiet and dignified dinner in the newly renovated reference room of Butler Library (that is, quiet and dignified until one of our classmates stood next to a cabinet to better hear and see our featured speaker, and to the surprise of all (including building management), when his rear end hit a button that looked like a cabinet key lock, we also heard a 10-minute "Glories of Columbia" manifesto from the late Larry Wien '25).

It is only fitting and proper that we tell you all who came: Don Bachman, Marty Blank, Allen Brill, Mike Bush, Dan Carlsinsky, Bob Caserio, Peter Clough, Mike Cook, Andy Fisher, Brian Fix, Jim Fleischer, Dean Gamanos, Lionel Goetz, Ed Goodgold, Louis Goodman, Alan Green, Mike Griffin, Bob Gunn, Bob Henn, Peter Herman, Steve Hoffman, Paul Hyman, Mike Krieger, Bob Kronley, Jeff Krulwich, Jay Kuris, Amir Lesser, Barry Levine, Jim Levy, Marty LeWinter, Ed Malmstrom, Howie Matz, Chris Morren, Mike Newell, Bruce Peck, Noah Robbins, A.G. Rosen, Peter Sack, Dave Sarlin, Jonah Schein, Michael Schlanger, Charlie Schwartz, Rick Shuart, Neil Silver, Don Smith, Neil Smith, Steve Steing, Dave Stewart, Steve Strobach, John Sullivan, Mike Tapper, Bernard Weinstein, Serge Wind, Derek Wittner, Elliot Wolff, Bill Wood, Jay Woodworth, Bob Yunch and Leonard Zwierling.

While we all had a chance to catch up on comings and goings with such common themes as children and grandchildren, retired or not?, second and third careers, philanthropic activities, travels, and sadly, departed classmates, the "open mike" class lunch on Saturday was a real treat that allowed each of us to take no more than three minutes to reminisce and consider what College meant to him (as in 1965 there were no hers!). Several common themes emerged, particularly how Columbia instilled in each of us a sense of values, spiritual as well as intellectual and utilitarian, and what is important in life; an opportunity to explore new horizons, whether or not they led to a career; a sense of intellectual curiosity; and of course, a sense of camaraderie, whether in the classroom, in sports, among the faculty or just carousing, partying and taking advantage of this great city of New York.

To that end, we urge—and indeed implore—each of our good classmates to sit down now and send to our three e-mail addresses below a few paragraphs on your Columbia experience and comings and goings, so that we can reprint as many of them as we can in the coming issues of CCT. Certainly, our liberal arts education trained us for that!

And now we start planning for the big 50th! Are we truly that old? We look forward to receiving your blurbs.

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Mark Levine brought to our attention a few months ago an article in *The New York Times* "Week in Review," commenting on senate candidate Richard Blumenthal's apparent lapse of memory about whether he served in Vietnam. In it, Jay Klawer is quoted:

"In the normal developmental process—beginning in early childhood—the discovery that one can lie is a significant advance in personal growth and development," said Jay S. Klawer, director of the

William Alanson White Institute of Psychiatry, Psychoanalysis and Psychology in New York. From the age of 4, the ability to say, 'It wasn't me,' or more complex confabulations, he said, 'fuels the development of fantasy life, creativity, and is often at the core of play and drama: 'I can fly!' 'Bang, bang, you're dead!' 'Let's play house.'"

"In other words, lying is the foundation of fiction itself. 'Within certain normal limits, there's nothing pathological about that at all,' he said."

Hear ye, hear ye: A committee is now being formed for the 45th reunion of the Class of 1966! All those interested in taking part in the planning for this splendid event, to take place Thursday, June 2-Sunday, June 5, 2011, should contact Stella Miele-Zanedis, assistant director, Alumni Affairs, at the e-mail or phone number above. The next meeting of the planning committee will take place on Wednesday, September 15. Please contact Stella for information about time, place and so forth.

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George Leonard writes, "Hello to all the guys from the fifth and sixth floors of John Jay Hall. My son, Andrew Charles Leonard '13, wrote to Housing and to Dean Michele Moody-Adams to be sure he got to live in John Jay, where his grandfather, Charles '37; father; and uncle, Robert Andrew Leonard '70, had lived. My middle name is Jay because my mother waited on the steps of John Jay so often for Pop that she became curious about who John Jay had been. You've heard of dorms named after people, but I am a person named after a dorm."

"Dean Moody-Adams kindly wrote Andrew back and said she was forwarding his letter to Housing, and Andrew got into John Jay. He is third-generation Columbian and third-generation John Jay. There have now been Leonards in John Jay Hall over a span of 76 years."

"Even more meaningful, Andrew had the incredible luck to take Lit Hum with the great John D. Rosenberg '50, '60 GSAs, who was my Lit Hum teacher in 1963-64 and later my Ph.D. dissertation director. I was sitting in John's class as a freshman, doing Aristophanes, when Kennedy died and all the bells of St. John the Divine started tolling. (Remember?) What an education both Andrew and his father have gotten from John. It's been a great year."

"I would love to hear from one

and all. You can reach me through my professional website, www.georgeleonard.com."

Mark Minton writes, "I retired on November 1 from a 35-year career in the Foreign Service, after duty in Washington, D.C. (of course) and in Japan, Korea and Mongolia—the last from which I retired as U.S. ambassador. This spring, I started a 'second career' in New York City as the president of the Korea Society of the United States, the foremost private organization promoting broad relations between the two countries. I would be delighted to have classmates living in the city or traveling here visit our headquarters at 950 Third Ave. (at East 57th Street) to say hello, attend one of our programs or visit our gallery. A more convenient opportunity to see classmates may be at the Korean Film Festival we will run in conjunction with MoMA at the museum in September."

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With 10+ year treasures below 3 percent, we surely are seeing an amazing era. **Paul Brosnan** regularly sends e-mails that have good humor or political views that I of course censor, so I need some updates from him as to what he is up to. And **Bob Carlson** sends the best pictures from Sitka, Alaska. If you would like to receive them, let me know.

Mas Taketomo helped organize a Glee Club reunion with a group of others that was held during Alumni Reunion Weekend / Dean's Day and drew a large turnout. Mas wrote: "The Columbia Glee Club had its first reunion for all classes on June 4-5. The following classmates attended—joining Glee Club alumni from 1952 to now, plus current undergrad members—**Art Gallancy**, **Jeffrey Kunitz**, **Robert Levine**, **Jeffrey Rosen**, **Rich Rosenblum**, **Paul Spirm** and **Mas Taketomo**, along with **John Suggs '69**. Several others had conflicts but planned to come for the next one: **Jon Bauman**, **Steve Brown**, **James Charney**, **Tony Kao**, **Tim Noyes** and **Jim Rizzo**. (Hope I didn't forget any names.) We had a couple of rehearsals and gave an informal performance that included Glee Club standards and all the Columbia College songs. A great reunion, and the next one is scheduled for 2013, which would coincide with '68's 45th. I ran into **Buzz Zucker** as I was checking in Saturday morning."

Sounds like a fabulous time. [Editor's Note: See "Alumni Corner."] Mas, did you tape any of this? Maybe you all could sing at a basketball game this year at

halftime. That would be grand.

Janet Furman Bowman wrote me a note. (Janet, bring your sneakers. We can jog four miles and bike six. That is the best I can do.) She wrote: "I recently completed a short memoir about my professional life. It has lots of anecdotes about the Grateful Dead and the rock and roll scene of the '70s. Not your usual Columbia academic stuff. I tried to make it entertaining. Check it out if you have a moment (well, about 15 minutes. It's not a book-length extravaganza) at <http://furmanshistory.com>."

"I live in Corte Madera, Calif. If I weren't so far away, I'd be calling you for a run in Central Park."

It has been a while since I heard from **Hollis Petersen**. He was in the Keys enjoying, I suspect, great weather. He reported that he was on his way back, and I am hoping to see him at a football game this year. I think with my prediction of a great season, he will return. I recommend getting tickets this year and enjoying the fun.

I continue to run into **Steth Weinstein**. He spent July 4 in London, I think. Where place, Steth, the winners are here. He looks great, seems to be enjoying biking in Central Park. **Gregg Winn** and **Vera** were married in D.C. in June and live in Naples, Fla., at least part of the year. Congratulations, Vera and Greg!

I continue to enjoy public finance, though the public sector financing world is becoming more complex and challenging. I went to Newport Beach for the July 4 weekend, good fun. I was in Saratoga for one night in late June, and I must admit, the country is beautiful. Surely that would be a wonderful place to spend more time.

I heard that **Ted Kapchuk** was looking for my e-mail address. I sent it to him (and it's always at the top of this column), so I will be hearing from him at some point, something about reunion. Ted, sorry no more '68 Bust stuff at reunions. We have done it so many times. I think we can talk about good health.

I hope you are all well and enjoying a year that seems to me to be quite different. Hope to see you at Homecoming on Saturday, October 23, and do write in.

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Once again, there was no incoming news from classmates, and e-mails requesting news went unanswered.

So, facing a deadline with an empty inbox, I went to the web. I discovered some news of which I had not been aware.

Mark Kator is the president and CEO of Isabella Geriatric Center, a not-for-profit organization serving the elderly since 1875, and the immediate past chair of the board of directors of the Continuing Care Leadership Coalition, which is dedicated to improving continuing care services in New York. For many years, Mark was a member of the adjunct faculty of the Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service of NYU. He spent more than 20 years in the public health care system in New York City and has had a long interest in developing and improving systems of care for underserved and vulnerable populations. Mark has been chair of the New York Association of Homes and Services for the Aging and has chaired the Commission on Ethics of the American Association of Homes and Services for the Aging. He is a board member of the Audubon Partnership, an economic development corporation for northern Manhattan, and a member of the Health Policy Forum of the United Hospital Fund.

Martin Konikoff is a partner at Robert Director Associates, a full-service engineering firm that focuses on the design and commissioning of corporate offices and mission-critical facilities, as well as on the modernization of existing building infrastructures. RDA is a tenant advocate, structured to make sure its clients achieve their project goals in an efficient and effective manner. Since joining RDA in 1985, Martin has (quoting the firm's website) "overseen many of the firm's largest tenant alteration and building modernization projects for commercial, institutional, industrial and residential developments. His engineering specialties include design of medium voltage distribution systems, retrofit/modernizations of electrical distribution systems for high-rise buildings, fire alarm systems, on-site power generation, high-tech tenant fit-out projects and vertical transportation." Martin also is an active member of the Illuminating Engineering Society and the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers.

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of the Fraud Section, he organized national complex investigations and prosecutions of corporate, securities, health care, procurement and bank fraud matters. Joshua received the DOJ's highest award for litigation, the Attorney General's John Marshall Award. He also was a recipient of the Criminal Division's highest award, the Henry E. Petersen Memorial Award, and a Presidential Rank Award for Distinguished Service.

Looking over the class list, I was surprised to find a classmate with an address in Lerner Hall. **Alan Kouzmanoff** joined Columbia's Health Services in 1976. Alan's professional interests include the treatment of anxiety and bipolar and post traumatic stress disorders. He also has a private practice in geriatric psychiatry, forensic psychiatry and psychiatry at a West End Avenue office.

These bios drawn from the web show that there is class news that has gone unreported. It would really be appreciated if classmates sent in news about themselves or others in the class, or shared views on how the College years have had an enduring impact on your life since graduation. We spent several interesting hours during our 40th reunion last year reflecting on the College's impact, and both for those who attended and those who did not, that dialogue can continue in this column.

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The most significant matter I have to report on is our 40th reunion, which turned out to be a smashing success. We had 68 attendees at the Friday night cocktail party at **Mark Pruzansky's** apartment. Mark and his lovely wife deserve our thanks for hosting this event, as they have in the past.

Michael Braun also deserves special thanks for his dedication to raising money for the College. The Saturday dinner was an even bigger success—we filled every table in the room and had more than 125 College and Engineering School attendees. **Peter Joseph**, an emergency room physician in the Bay Area, spoke to us passionately—in true '60s style—about the dangers of global warming. I caught up with old friends **Bernie Josephs**, **Dan Feldman**, **Paul Rosen** and **Tom Keenan**, and spent time learning about the important events in the lives of dozens of other classmates.

Among the others in attendance were **James Periconi**, **Phil Russett**

ti, Fred Rapaport, Bob Douglas, Dennis Graham, James Hazen, Dr. Fred Kushner, Charles Silberman, Professor Paul Star, Fred White, Paul Lehner, Michael Onishenko, Charles Strouthides, Norman Greene, Martin Newhouse, Michael Passow, Peter Sugar, Victor Hertz, Joel Mintz and Professor David Sokolo. I also attended two of the lecture programs, The Miriam Champion Professor of History Martha Howell's talk on feminism, which just blew me away — both in content and the participation of the audience — and the Meyer Schapiro Professor of Art History David Rosand '59's talk on Venice, which also was brilliant.

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Ron Rosenberg: "Passing the 60-years-old marker has given me a greater appreciation for people and places in my past. I never realized how significant those four years were in terms of establishing my intellectual outlook and worldview. It is really amazing how durable some ideas can be."

"I appreciate hearing about people and events that were important back then, i.e., Dave Newark '69, Jim McMillian '70 and so on."

"One thing that hasn't been mentioned has been the great success of the 1967-68 freshman basketball team, of which I was a member. We did extremely well that year and produced a number of future varsity players of distinction."

Ron, I remember and enjoyed the freshman team games, which often were played just before the varsity games. Let's do something in a future column, and members of that team, write.

And thinking back to Jimmy Mac, I enjoyed finding this link, http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1970_NCAA_Men's_Basketball_All-Americans, which, with its companion pages for 1968 and 1969, confirms that Wes Unseld, Bob Lanier, Rick Mount and Calvin Murphy were consensus All-Americans. And, of course, we know that the varsity Lions defeated every one of those future NBA superstars, as well as Geoff Petrie. And the page confirms that McMillian was an All-American.

Greg Wyatt: "June was a chal-

lenging and rewarding month, with three well-planned cultural projects launched and landed. Two are a long distance away so I'll share a few written impressions:

"On Memorial Day weekend, the *Price of Freedom*, a bronze monument in tribute to WWII veterans, was unveiled at the Visitors Center of Arlington National Cemetery. Many WWII veterans attended."

"Within 10 days, my wife, Fay, and I then traveled to Pisa, Italy, for the installation and unveiling ceremony of the *Two Rivers* bronze monument, permanently placed at the Duomo Museum garden, within yards of the famous Leaning Tower of Pisa."

A few days later, I conducted open-air architectural watercolor studies in a three-week international study program developed with Kathryn Yatrakis, dean of academic affairs, and Michael Pippenger, associate dean of fellowship programs and study abroad. Full scholarships for three students were provided by a private foundation. The selected Columbia undergraduates, absolutely true to our highest academic college standards, spent 12 outdoor hours per day working with me (as did Pippenger, whom I asked to join us) in a penetrating study at the three Magna Graecia historically significant Paestum temples."

"When we then arrived to Ephesus, all of us became in-residence at the Crisler Institute Library, immersed with daily academic lectures, archaeological site digs and field tours with five renowned Viennese archeology professors. The three Columbia students joined a 15-member international group of archeology students (from Russia, Germany, Turkey, Palestine, Austria and the United States). With them, I continued my daily architectural watercolor instructions at the Hellenistic masterpiece in stone, the Celsus Library."

Ed Wallace: "In 2008, I was privileged to represent Columbia before the New York City Council in obtaining final approval for the West Harlem site [for the new Manhattanville campus]. The Court of Appeals recently upheld the use of eminent domain for non-residential property to complete assembly of the site. Maybe we will finally get a 50-meter pool at the CC coach promised me in 1967 we would have!"

"Even more thrilling, our second son, Will Falk-Wallace '14, will join his brother, Richard Falk-Wallace '12, at the College in September. Both are swimming for coach Jim Bolster. My wife, Pamela Falk '92L, and I are very proud."

Alex Sachare: "My wife, Lori, and I are proud to let you know that our

daughter, Deborah, was accepted early decision to the Barnard Class of 2014. She had participated in its summer program the last two years and was very happy when 'the fat envelope' came in December. Unlike the College, which posts decisions online, Barnard still lets its applicants know by mail only. She'll be living on campus, three blocks from my office in the Columbia Alumni Center on West 113th Street."

Joshua Rubenstein: "Our family marked two milestones this past year. Our son, Ben, celebrated his bar mitzvah in December. It was a lovely event, with friends joining us from Budapest and Oxford, as well as family and still other friends from the Midwest and along the East Coast."

"And to my astonishment, I have now been on the staff of Amnesty International USA for 35 years. I started as a volunteer activist in spring 1975. With some work and lots of luck, our chapter helped secure the release of three prisoners of conscience that summer in Ecuador, Rhodesia and Pakistan. Then, in the fall I was hired to be a part-time organizer with a focus on starting chapters in New England. The rest, as they say, is history. I also am soon to finish my eighth book, a concise biography of Leon Trotsky for a new series about famous Jews to be published by Yale University Press."

Arvin Levine: "After almost a year of hunting, I joined the international bank/brokerage Credit Suisse in NYC. So after many years of home office, I am now commuting into NYC again on a daily basis. If any classmates want to meet for lunch around the Chelsea area, give me a buzz!"

"Reflecting for a moment, I have had multiple opportunities to redefine myself, including the years at Columbia. I am grateful to the Core Curriculum, which enhanced my broad view of what life is about. Even so, I kept gravitating to the same 'rut' of putting technology into practice, which provides me with satisfaction and compensation, while allowing time for a life outside of work. Jim will recall how I wrote a computer program for him in [senior] year (satisfaction but no compensation). Graduate school for 'computational' linguistics, multiple computer companies and projects during the past 30 years (developing, selling, strategizing) all have pointed in the same direction. At the same time, family, religion and music have been deeply involving. Despite passing the 'big 6-oh' together with most of the Class of '71, I don't see myself getting out of my rut any time soon. I'm having too much fun!"

Nick Alexiou: "Thirty-nine

years in a few paragraphs: Spring semester 1968 was, for this student from Greece (then under a right-wing junta), a composition in culture shock, political awakening and sheer exuberance. I stayed at Columbia, taking classes on and off for 14 years, all the way through a D.Phil. in Greek and Latin. I married fellow Greek and Latin student, Alice Sparberg Alexiou '76 CSAS. Sanity and market forces directed me to NYU Business School and a career in banking, trusts and estates administration."

"In 1998, a second career change (after two years of studying nights at Columbia) brought me to Pain-e-Webber, and then UBS, as database architect; I spent 10 wonderful years translating between finance executives and computer nerds, and designing some pretty complicated databases. The best part — I could go to work in jeans."

"Semi-retired a couple of years now, as a database consultant, I spend time with the Institute for Retired Professionals at the New School, teaching and taking classes. I hope to teach Plato and the trial of Socrates next spring. I am moving back to the Upper West Side after many years in the suburbs."

"I remember fondly Vinnie (now Father) Rigidon and brothers Phil Bartolf and Mike Bartolf, from sixth floor Livingston, and Ed Eitches from fifth floor John Jay."

"Two sons: Alex, a computer engineer living in Boston and married to Ayse Asatekin Alexiou, a multitalented young woman from Turkey who teaches chemical engineering at MIT; and Joseph '11J, a journalist and student at the Journalism School, who was paid to live in Paris in July and visit restaurant after nightclub after bar after... as he updated the *Paris for Dummies* travel guide (for the third time)."

"My wife's second book, *The Flatiron: The New York Landmark and the Incomparable City that Arose with It*, came out June 8. For more about the Flatiron, and Alice's connection to it and about her book, go to www.nytimes.com/2010/05/26/realestate/commercial/26flatiron.html.

"Many fond memories of the years at Morningside Heights, and looking forward to reunion next year."

Peter Jacoby: "I retired as a general attorney in the AT&T federal regulatory law group in Washington, D.C., after 26 years as an in-house counsel and eight years before that at the Dewey Ballantine law firm in New York City, where I also principally represented AT&T and its Bell System affiliates. While at Dewey, for job enrichment I spent two years involved in a challenge to Grand Central Terminal's

landmark designation, representing the developer of proposed office towers on the site. (A visit to Midtown will tell you how that endeavor turned out.) Fortunately, my in-house career was generally more successful.

"It was an enormously exciting period for me to practice on AT&T's behalf, as it spanned the time from the filing of the government antitrust suit against the Bell System; the subsequent divestiture of the local telephone companies; AT&T's period of growth (e.g., the acquisitions of NCR, McCaw Cellular and cable systems); the corporation's lengthy retrenchment through the NCR, Lucent Technologies and AT&T Wireless spin-offs, as well as de facto exit from several markets; and ultimately the company's merger with SBC, which has adopted the AT&T brand.

"Along the way, there were sea changes in both the technology and regulation of telecommunications that made for constant need to learn new approaches in supporting the corporation's business and regulatory agenda. I feel I truly endured the 'Chinese curse' of living in 'interesting' times, and it was great fun that I wouldn't trade for a moment.

"After a three-year sojourn residing in historic Old Town Alexandria, Va., I have returned to Bedminster, N.J., in the Somerset County hunt country, where my family and I have lived since 1985. On May 24, I became a grandparent for the second time with the birth of granddaughter Mackenzie. My older granddaughter, Taylor (3), named in memory of my late wife Toby, is thrilled to be a big sister. And my dad, Herb Jacoby '34, '37L, is overjoyed to once again be a great-grandparent."

Mike Kusin: "Reading this latest [71C eNewsletter] was especially pleasurable. I especially enjoyed seeing the names of several classmates whom I thought had fallen off the edge of the earth: **Charlie Ferguson**, **John Dubberstein** and **Larry Teitelbaum**. BTW, I'll make a major effort to be at the 40th reunion."

Classmates, if you did not receive the eNewsletter, I may not have your correct or best e-mail address. Send it to me.

Terry Chorba: "My wife, Lindy, and I are still in Atlanta and have a son at Georgia State, a daughter at Emory and two sons in high school. Lindy teaches at Emory, and I finally brought to successful closure a 35-year quest, receiving my doctor of science from the University of Oxford "for original contributions to the advancement of knowledge in public health."

"Originally inspired by Colum-

bian Oxonians Bob Delahunty '68, Peter Darrow '72 and the late **Dave Gelfand** when I left the Navy after two years as an enlisted man, I pursued my physiology degree at Oxford (Brasenose College) and that launched me into a career in medicine and public health. I have had a great 30-year run with the U.S. government, mostly with the Centers for Disease Control, and have led major research and programmatic efforts in public health in Central Asia (mostly in Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan) and in Cote d'Ivoire.

"But the real credits go to the inspiration of my dad (William Chorba '22, '25 P&S); to the Alice-in-Wonderland adventure that was Columbia, with its exacting two-year science requirement that exposed me to chemistry and experimental psychology; and to the encouragement of friends long ago such as Steve Varady '71E, **Art Lenehan**, **Steve Steindel** '69 and **Manuel Pietrantoni** '70, and the beginning of an incredible walk-about. I enjoy reading about you all. Keep the CCT notes coming."

As for me, **Jim Shaw**, I arranged a mini-reunion dinner with classmates in the San Francisco area at the Waterfront Cafe and Restaurant on June 5 and had a splendid good time with **Lambert Chee**, **Francis Lu**, **Charles Ferguson**, **Len Renery** and **Ray Stricker**, and guests. The trip coincided with a visit to my daughter, Amy '08, a UCSF medical student. [See photo.]

See you next column. And, Thursday, June 2-Sunday, June 5, 2011, see ya at reunion!

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Tim Sobolewski wishes to catch us up on his life. "After years of unhappily working as a financial adviser in the banks, I thought it would be a good idea to start my own financial planning and investment management firm in the middle of one of the worst financial crises in history. It was a predictably rough first year, but business has improved so that I'm able to keep living in the style to which I've become accustomed—indoors. I do financial planning at an hourly rate and fee-based investment management, specializing in the middle-class investor; having grown up in the '60s, if I called myself a 'wealth manager,' as do some of my colleagues, I would choke on the words. I also am starting a non-profit for financial education. My much smarter and better-looking son is wisely avoiding the financial



Charlie Ferguson '71, Len Renery '71, Ray Stricker '71, Francis Lu '71, Lambert Chee '71 and Jim Shaw '71 (left to right) and guests had a splendid time at dinner at the Waterfront Cafe and Restaurant in San Francisco on June 5 during a mini-reunion organized by Shaw to coincide with his vacation there.

PHOTO: AMY SHAW '08

field and is going on to graduate studies in history."

Tim recently was elected to the board of directors of the Financial Planning Association of Western New York.

Armen Donelian was "in Tel Aviv, Israel, this summer to join Executive Director Martin Mueller and professors Rory Stuart and Richard Harper from The New School Jazz Program (NYC) to continue our work as academic consultants in a pioneering venture, a curriculum collaboration with the Israel Conservatory of Music through which students there undertake their New School degree requirements and then complete them in New York. Rory and I also appeared at Shablul Jazz Club."

Capitalizing on his trip to the area, Armen spent time in the Palestinian Territories as a jazz clinician for one week at the Al-Kamandjati Summer Music Camp, hosted by the Talitha Kumi Lutheran School in Beit Jala, and followed up at Edward Said National Conservatory of Music at Birzeit University with a three-day jazz piano clinic.

My wife, **Deede '75 Barnard**, and I are pleased to say that our son, **Yoni '03**, and daughter-in-law, **Emily '03E**, have presented us with our first grandchild, **Joshua Even**, who was born in June. He joins his sister, **Elisha (2)**. Think there'll be some family pressure about which university they'll attend?

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As we enter the twilight of our youth, startlingly enough, some of us pass on. One such case is **Dennis Milton**, who passed away in early

June. Dennis was a judge in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for nine years after serving more than 25 years as a prosecutor, municipal attorney and litigator in private practice. From 1988-91, he was chief deputy attorney for Suffolk County, N.Y. Dennis was an active alumnus of Regis H.S., serving as president of the Alumni Association from 1987-89. He lived in Greenlawn, N.Y.

The June 7 edition of *The New Yorker* highlighted **Eugene Drucker** and the Emerson Quartet on pp. 80-81, discussing their then-new three-CD survey of Dvorak's later chamber works. Interesting reading.

We'll light this edition, fellas. Someone sent me a response to a plea for notes that "nothing new has happened." In 37 years? The mind boggles. Let us know!

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A few months ago, *The New York Times* carried an article reporting on a recent Gallup poll that found that, starting at age 50, there was a sharp rise in the level of happiness reported. The article noted that many studies have found over the past years that "middle age" is generally the happiest time of life for a majority of Americans. (The most anxiety-ridden years are the 20s and early 30s. Take that, Gen Xers!) A few weeks later, the same publication said that those in the "middle age" group had overtaken those in their 80s as the group with the highest rate of suicide. Speculation is that this may be due to the increasing financial stress and job loss in the enduring economic downturn.

One conclusion to reach is that the bulging baby boom generation

is large enough to contain both the most content and the most desperate. It also might indicate the need for all of us to stay in contact with each other in order to find the joy of old friends and to be there when those friends need our support.

Our mutual support might be especially important during times of transition, such as when we are moving—voluntarily or involuntarily—from working to retirement. For some it will feel like the ultimate success of a lifetime of hard work. For others, it will feel more like a workhorse being sent to the “glue factory.” As we enter the last few years of our 50s, I would expect we’ll hear a lot more tales of both. We’ll also hear from classmates of their different visions of “retirement.”

As of October 1, 2009, **Mike Rozza** clapped his last chalk eraser and retired as an NYC school teacher. He said in a recent e-mail, “I think some of my Columbia English professors might be just a little surprised that I ended up teaching English for 30 years!”

Since “retiring,” Mike has continued to teach part-time in a program for the Specialized High School Institute that helps prepare “motivated, academically talented but economically less-advantaged middle school kids” for the standardized test to get into NYC’s top high schools, such as Stuyvesant and Bronx Science. He says, “It’s probable that the new group of seventh-graders I recently met may include several future applicants to the Class of 2020!”

To this I add, “Keep the dream alive.”

A last note from Mike: “I am still ‘happily unmarried’ to Melissa, whom I met at the Plimpton Hall Valentine’s Day party in our senior year.”

Ah, a story that brings a tear to our (wives’) eyes!

As part of the Class of ’75’s 35th reunion, the Classes of 1974 and 1976 were invited to join them at the Grateful Dead exhibit at the New-York Historical Society. There, I met, among others, Charlie Lindsay ‘75, who is active in Chinese business ventures. I suggested he contact **Don Koblit** (general counsel of Volkswagen for China) for advice in dealing with China’s “red tape.” While looking up Don’s e-mail address, I happened upon **Tom Polin**, among Columbia alumni living in China. Seems that Tom, a longtime reporter for *Asiaweek* magazine, has retired and still lives in Hong Kong. I’ll dig deeper to find out what he is up to these days.

A classmate who says he now plans to retire soon is **Jerry Sanchez**. Jerry has a general law practice in

Torrington, Conn., and lives happily (according to Gallup) with his wife and four sons (19, 17, 13 and 4). He says that the addition of his latest child means, “There is no early retirement for me!” While lawyers **Jon Cuneo** and **Abbe Lowell** were the dueling champions for youngest offspring (by my incomplete records), lawyer Jerry seems to have beaten them. (What’s with the correlation of lawyers and fertility?)

The mention of **Abbe Lowell** made me recall the recent article in the *New York Post* that said “high-powered Washington defense lawyer Abbe Lowell” had been named the interim attorney of the former Scores stripper/wife of jailed money manager Kenneth Starr. (While Abbe obviously has a lot of more significant clients to represent, I have to include a little prurient patter in order to make sure you read the rest of the column!)

With the BP oil spill filling the nightly airwaves, it seemed time to talk with our National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration classmate, **Evan Forde**, to find out whether the spill might enter the “loop current” and spoil the Florida coast. With a master’s in marine geology and geophysics and 36 years with NOAA, Evan knows a lot about how to look for oil under water and via currents. Unfortunately, as of the early July deadline of this column, Evan confirmed that the loop current was both real and powerful. I’ll try to reach other classmates working in the oil industry to find out what insights they can add.

There you have it. A choice between happiness and despair in “middle age.” Classmates retiring but continuing to contribute. And new progeny continuing to add to our mosaic. There are a lot more stories to follow. Stay tuned!

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Alumni Reunion Weekend 2010 (our 35th) is over, and a great time was had by all. In addition to the good times, the class did very well for Columbia College. We met the goal for our Reunion Gift: more than \$575,000 in unrestricted funds, with substantially more when all categories are considered. By meeting its class dollar goal, John Kluge ‘37 will establish a financial aid endowment in honor of our class upon the realization of his bequest. Many classmates upgraded their John Jay Associates membership or became John Jay Associates members. All of your Class Agents deserve our gratitude for their work to meet our goal and secure the scholarship endowment. **Bob Katz** summed it up best: “We are proud that a deserving young man or woman will have part of his or her college expenses paid with a scholarship provided by our class.” **Ira Malin** deserves special thanks and credit for his extraordinary leadership of the Class Agent Program.

Updates from attendees and other reunion items will fill Class

reunion was a private party at “Grateful Dead: Now Playing at the New-York Historical Society.” Classmates, friends and guests from CC ’74 and CC ’76 had a private party at the exhibit, which features the first traveling collection of materials on loan from the Dead’s own vast archive of art, documents, photographs and memorabilia, which the band donated in 2008 to UC Santa Cruz.

While we celebrate our 35th reunion, we also send condolences to the family and friends of **Joseph F. Slade III**, a physician and professor of orthopedics and rehabilitation from Guilford, Conn., who passed in May.

Poet **Fernando Castro** was one of the recipients of the Los Angeles Department of Cultural Affairs Individual Artist Fellowships. The fellowships are annual awards given by the Department of Cultural Affairs to 15 established visual, literary and performing artists who live and work in Los Angeles. Each COLA grant recipient receives a commission to create new work that is showcased in a non-thematic group exhibition, a series of performances, special events and a catalog. Fernando’s new work explores the notion of place, real and imaginary, and the myth and spirit of Los Angeles.

Fernando couldn’t make reunion, as he was in China. In 25 days, he toured Beijing, Xi’an, Chengdu, Guilin, Shanghai and Hong Kong. The language barrier was frustrating. He wished for subtitles but discovered the magic of pointing: directions from the hotel desk, the Chinese writings of maps, phrase books and mimicry skills. Since 1979, somehow a scary Red Communist Mao turned into a Confucius patriarchal figure and the country went on triple overdrive into a market economy. While American cities skimp on services, there is plenty of money to do gigantic infrastructure, keep parks clean and build ambitious complexes such as for the Olympics or the World Fair. (Does investing in the United States render that much funding?) Fernando says he came back to the States with more questions than answers.

After years of service to the NYC City area with the MTA, **Gary Delaverson** now is special counsel at Proskauer Rose. Proskauer, founded in 1875, is an international law firm providing a variety of legal services to clients worldwide from offices in Boca Raton, Boston, Chicago, Hong Kong, London, Los Angeles, New Orleans, New York, Newark, Paris, São Paulo and Washington, D.C.

By my still-unofficial determination, **Peter Garza-Zavaleta** traveled the farthest to be on Morningside Heights for reunion, coming from Sarasota, Fla. Peter and I reconnect-

Poet Fernando Castro ‘75 received a Los Angeles Department of Cultural Affairs Individual Artist Fellowship.

Not since news of a few years back of **Brad Higgins** being appointed as the COO of the Coalition Provisional Authority in Iraq have we been able to report on a new appointment of a classmate (or relation) to the national leadership. Thanks to **Dewey Cole** (or more accurately, his law-student son), we learn that **Richard Briffault**’s wife, Sherry Gled, has been appointed by President Obama as the assistant secretary for planning and evaluation for the Department of Health and Human Services. Sherry had to step down from her position as chair of the Department of Health Policy and Management at the Mailman School of Public Health, but you can be assured that we can all feel more comfortable about the evolution of our nation’s healthcare system.

Notes for the next couple of issues. But there also is news to share from others, so I’ll mix it up a little bit.

After all of the work, planning and anticipation; I missed reunion. Damn! Car and cat troubles! I did ask for other eyes, ears and scribes “on the ground,” and your classmates helped. I received e-mail updates during the weekend from “the regulators,” and **Steve Jacobs** and **Bob Schneider** left a message after the Saturday dinner at Casa Italiana. **Jim Dolan**, who lives in Baltimore, where I recently moved, attended my housewarming party (with his wife, Yasmín) the next week, so I heard some news firsthand. I have great pictures of Jim and Yasmín on my roof deck from the party. Maybe you’ll see one on Jim’s Facebook page soon.

One of the class highlights of

Alumni Sons and Daughters

Fifty-seven members of the College Class of 2014 and three members of the SEAS Class of 2014 are sons or daughters of College alumni. This list is alphabetical by the parent's last name.

STUDENT	PARENT	STUDENT	PARENT	STUDENT	PARENT
Anastasia Barnes	Edward Barnes '79 Manhasset, N.Y. • Manhasset H.S.	Alexander Jonokuchi	Vivian Jonokuchi '90 Greenwich, Conn. • Brunswick School	Sarah Perez	James Perez '73 New York City • Ramaz Upper School
Ari Berg	Howard Berg '76 West Orange, N.J. • Kushner Yeshiva H.S.	Samuel Kazer	Ross Kazer '68 Englewood, Colo. • Cherry Creek H.S.	Abigail Pucker	Michael Pucker '83 Chicago • Walter Payton College Preparatory School
Kate Berger	Barry Berger '75 Englewood, N.J. • Fieldston School	Joanna Kelly	Michael Kelly '79 Wilmington, Del. • Tower Hill School	Kathryn Reggio	William Reggio '84 North Massapequa, N.Y. • Friends Academy
Marcus Bonvillian	William Bonvillian '69 Great Falls, Va. • St. Andrew Episcopal School	Noah Kolatch	Jonathan Kolatch '78 Englewood, N.J. • Ramaz Upper School	Bessie Rentzler	Joel Rentzler '62 New York City • Stuyvesant H.S.
Nathan Bram	Jonathan Bram '87 Bronx, N.Y. • Fieldston School	Benjamin Kreitman	Stuart Kreitman '79 Palo Alto, Calif. • Henry M. Gunn Senior H.S.	Elena Ripp *	Marc Ripp '80 Short Hills, N.J. • Millburn H.S.
Justin Brathwaite	Evan Brathwaite Sr. '79 Brooklyn, N.Y. • Xavierian H.S.	Jordan Lebovic	Saul Lebovic '83 Scarsdale, N.Y. • Ramaz Upper School	Grace Rosen	Gideon Rosen '84 Princeton, N.J. • Princeton H.S.
Jane Brennan	Douglas Brennan '87 Ossining, N.Y. • Croton-Harmon H.S.	Rebecca Lebowitz *	Nathan Lebowitz '79 Surfside, Fla. • Rabbi A.S. Gross Hebrew Academy	Andrew Seife	Alan Seife '79 White Plains, N.Y. • White Plains H.S.
Leigh Colvin	Geoffrey Colvin '74 New York City • Trinity School	Eva Levy	Carlos Daniel Levy '75 ** West Hollywood, Calif. • Harvard-Westlake School	Eugene Stolow	Joshua Stolow '80 San Antonio • Texas Military Institute
Margaret D'Arcy	Sean D'Arcy '81 Mt. Vernon, N.Y. • Ursuline School	Douglas Lopez	Edward Lopez '82 Pleasanton, Calif. • College Preparatory School	Julia Straus	Daniel Straus '78 Englewood, N.J. • Ramaz Upper School
Andrew Dugue	Gabriel Dugue '82 New Hyde Park, N.Y. • New Hyde Park Memorial H.S.	Andrew	Victor Lopez-Balboa Lopez-Balboa '82 New York City • St. Paul's School	Jacob Sunshine	Andrew Sunshine '79 New York City • Stuyvesant H.S.
Emma Ziegellaub Eichler	Richard Eichler '76 New York City • Stuyvesant H.S.	Rebekah Lowin	Leeam Lowin '66 Greenwich, Conn. • Greenwich Academy	Elliot Taffet	Allan Taffet '81 Ardley, N.Y. • Ardsley H.S.
Steven Evans	Steven Evans '81 Upper St. Clair, Pa. • Upper St. Clair H.S.	Elie Kaplan-Marans	Hillel Marans '76 Lawrence, N.Y. • Hebrew Academy Five Towns	Christina Vlahos	Louis Vlahos '84 Port Washington, N.Y. • Paul D. Schnitzer Senior H.S.
Gabriel Falk	Elliot Falk '74 Riverdale, N.Y. • SAR H.S.	Dara Marans	Zvi Marans '79 Teaneck, N.J. • Ramaz Upper School	William Falk-Wallace	Edward Wallace '71 Andover, Mass. • Phillips Academy Andover
Camille Richardson	Gary Friday '73 Berwyn, Pa. • Lawrenceville School	Michael May	Morgan May '67 New York City • Stuyvesant H.S.	Isaac White	Jonathan White '85 Port Washington, N.Y. • Paul D. Schnitzer Senior H.S.
Rachel Garfinkel	Arthur Garfinkel '67 Santa Clarita, Calif. • Buckley School	Camilla Mazzolini	Renato Mazzolini '69 Monaco • Lycée Albert Premier	Yael Wiesenfeld	Batia Wiesenfeld '88 Scarsdale, N.Y. • Scarsdale H.S.
Jerome Genova	Leonard Genova '85 Massapequa Park, N.Y. • Chaminade H.S.	Kyle McCormick	Paul McCormick '78 Ridgewood, N.J. • Immaculate Heart Academy	Gideon Wolf	Edward Wolf '76 Baltimore • Beth Tfiloh Community H.S.
Reza Gheissari	Ali Gheissari '79 La Canada, Calif. • Flintridge Preparatory School	Dalia Mnaymneh	Sami Mnaymneh '81 London, U.K. • American School in London	* Member of the SEAS Class of 2014 ** Deceased	
Morgan Goodman	Marc Goodman '76 Honolulu • Punahou School	Joshua Muniz *	Peter Muniz '86 Fox River Grove, Ill. • Choate Rosemary Hall	Eight incoming College transfer students are sons or daughters of College alumni.	
Olivia Harris	Herbert Harris '64 Brooklyn, N.Y. • Brearley School	Robert	Robert Muzikowski Muzikowski Sr. '78 Chicago • Chicago Hope Academy	STUDENT	PARENT
Elena Holodny	Andrei Holodny '84 Demarest, N.J. • Northern Valley Regional H.S.	Yael Neugut	Alfred Neugut '72 Teaneck, N.J. • Frisch School	Samuel Bodkin	John Bodkin '78
Quinn Jackson	Donald Jackson '73 New York City • Fieldston School	Emma O'Connor	Stephen O'Connor '74 New York City • St. Ann's School	Claudia Brodsky	Kevin Crotty '71
Wesley Johnson	Theodore Johnson '81 Brooklyn, N.Y. • Millennium H.S.	Alexander Ortiz	Angel Ortiz '81 Garden City, N.Y. • Chaminade H.S.	Trevor Cohen	Gary Cohen '81
				Mary Escherich	Kyle Escherich '81
				Zac Kornberg	Thomas Kornberg '70
				Joseph Pomp	Martin Pomp '67
				Bennett Rosnick	Lytle Rosnick '70
				David Strauch	Robert Strauch '82

ed about two years ago and have been talking about reunion since. Peter also was enticed by the Glee Club reunion and concert, held as part of Dean's Day. I've asked him for a report on the Glee Club reunion, and by writing this now, I am really putting him on the spot! [Editor's note: Also see "Alumni Corner."]

[Peter visited his sister in NYC and brought her to reunion events, and then spent part of June and July visiting family in Texas. We all learned (much earlier than our Columbia days) "one man, one vote." Voters in Port Chester, N.Y., recently experienced cumulative voting, in which residents get six votes each to apportion among the candidates. They rejected a government proposal to break the village into six districts, including one that took in heavily Hispanic areas. Although the village of about 30,000 residents is nearly half Hispanic, no Latino had ever been elected to any of the six trustee seats, which until now were chosen in a conventional at-large election. **Randolph McLaughlin**, who represented a plaintiff in the lawsuit, said the goal was not merely to encourage more Hispanics to vote but "to create a system whereby the Hispanic community would be able to nominate and elect a candidate of their choice."

Robert Morgan is of counsel at Emmet, Marvin & Martin in New York City. He earned a J.D. from Vanderbilt before being admitted to the bar in New York and Tennessee.

Firm managing director at Wilamette Management Associates **Robert Reilly** recently received the prestigious Institute of Business Appraisers (IBA) literary award for the Best Business Valuation Article of the year. Robert received this literary recognition for his article, "Intellectual Property Appraisal During a Distressed Economy." That article was published in the 2009 Third Quarter issue of *Business Appraisal Practice*, the IBA's quarterly professional journal. Robert accepted the award at the 2010 Annual Consultants Conference, co-sponsored by IBA and the National Association of Certified Valuation Analysts. Robert was honored in 2009 with IBA's Best Publication of the Year literary award for the book *Guide to Property Tax Valuation*, co-authored with partner Bob Schweilts.

Some people's job is real estate and real estate is their hobby as well. **David J. Wine**, a vice-chairman of Related Cos., spends his days in Manhattan toiling over intricate design and marketing plans for commercial real-estate development. For fun, he toils over plans for a private residential development deal. David spent

the past few years planning and building an oceanfront house in Bridgehampton, Long Island, and he recently put it on the market for \$14.95 million. Now that the house is just about finished, David spends his time going to garden tours and open houses.

After a few deep breaths, the "regulars" are back at work planning things to keep us busy for the next five years. In this age of social networking and with the tools for oral histories and other types of documentaries, we're talking about using both tools to foster communications and capture and share more of our individual and collective Columbia histories. And, of course, our efforts to continue supporting Columbia College in its mission always will be part of our work. When called and asked for support, please be generous.

Finally, from all of the class, especially those who worked on and attended reunion 2010, a huge thank you to Kimberly Peterson, assistant director, alumni affairs, and to Sam Boyer, assistant director, Columbia College Fund, who provided the ultimate in guidance and support throughout the last year.

On to our 40th in 2015!

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My former Riverside Drive apartment-mate **Jim Kelleher** now is director of research and senior analyst at Argus Research in New York. McGraw-Hill is publishing his book, *Equity Valuation for Analysts and Investors*, which builds on decades of investment valuation experience during which Jim has built financial models for hundreds of companies in nearly every sector and industry. The book introduces a proprietary methodology, Peer Derived Value, that values an equity based on the stock's current variation from its historical relation to a user-specified peer group.

"Things are lively at a small Wall Street firm trying to weather two market collapses just since the millennium turn," Jim reports. "As research director, I've helped develop and refine the investment

analysis process for new analysts. I run the company's weekly investment meeting, host client conference calls, manage several model portfolios, co-manage the Argus Focus List and prepare the Argus daily Technical Analysis product. As a senior analyst, I continue to cover communications technology (equipment and semiconductor) and electronic manufacturing services. Along the way, I became a chartered financial analyst and a three-time winner in *The Wall Street Journal's* 'Best on the Street' All-Star Analyst Survey."

Jim lives in northern Westchester county with his wife, Marie Ferguson, and their kids, Angus (12), Jack (9), and Wallis (4).

"I know, I lag the '76 average on kids' ages by 10-15 years; keeping me young, I guess."

Apologies to **Robert Siegfried**, whose name I misspelled in the May/June column.

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This is one of those rare columns without news. I hope everyone is ferociously busy finding and keeping a place in the new economy or, even better, taking advantage of rock-bottom hotel rates in Iceland. But please do write in!

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Sorry folks, again, a slow month with no news coming in and your humble scribe a bit too maxed out to collect it by hand. We had a good run for 30 years, and we have hit a dry patch of late. Let's see if we can draft a few letters while sitting on the deck in the Hamptons or on Nantucket and send them in.

We are in the midst of an exciting (well, it is if you like politics) race for governor here in Connecticut, and my organization has been compiling useful information and policy ideas for all the candidates. At the end of July, the family traveled for two weeks in China.

Hope to see you at Homecoming on Saturday, October 23, and to hear from you soon.

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Ralph Keen has been named the Arthur J. Schmitt Chair in Catholic

studies at the University of Illinois at Chicago College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. Ralph, a historian specializing in early-modern Catholicism, most recently was a professor of religious studies at the University of Iowa.

Walter F. Schleimer '82L recently joined the 550-lawyer Texas-based firm of Haynes & Boone. He will be a partner in the New York office and continue to practice real estate and financial law.

Robert C. Klapper "In the past year, two of my marble sculptures were featured in an art exhibition at the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons. The exhibit is dedicated to injured war veterans, and the show will move around the country over the next several years. The exhibit, *Wounded in Action*, will travel from New Orleans to the State Senate to Walter Reed Army Medical Center and the United Nations. (They have a website, www.woundedinactionart.org, if you want to check it out.)

The reason I mention it is because this passion has enriched my life so profoundly. The joy I get from sculpting in marble—both in Italy and in my studio in Manhattan Beach, Calif., also reaches many of my patients who proudly tell their friends that their surgeon is an artist. None of this joy would have happened if I had not attended Columbia and been forced to learn something I had no interest in or knowledge of coming from the streets of Far Rockaway. As I get older, I realize that the things you really want in life are those that are priceless. The education that the Core Curriculum gave us all was just that, priceless.

"Till next time, God bless!"

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"Football combines the two worst things about America: it is violence punctuated by committee meetings."

—George Will

The fall is such a great time to be in NYC with the wonderful weather, changing of the leaves and plenty of good football to watch. The Lions are coming off their best league finish in six years, and coach Norries Wilson's team is ready for that breakout year. I hope to see you at Homecoming on Saturday, October 23! [Editor's note: See "Around the Quads."]

Our 30th Alumni Reunion Weekend was a success with the Class of '80 exceeding expectations on both attendance and commit-

ment to the College. We owe David Leahy our gratitude for his hosting of the cocktail party at the NYAC. John Metaxas, Josh Stolow and John Schutty had a great conversation on the state of the Big Apple. Neil Sader was impressed with the new baseball stadium at Baker Field and hopes to see his son play there. On Friday night, we had a walking tour of the High Line conducted by Kevin Baker. His historical perspective of this 1930s elevated railway turned into a public park was enlightening. We then went to Caslight's G2 Lounge for a reception with Dean Michele Moody-Adams. Jim Gerks, Bruce Paulson and Van Goughen enjoyed the festivities over martinis.

On Saturday afternoon, I hosted a discussion on the College in the same classroom in which many of us studied *Don Quixote* with Professor Karl-Ludwig Selig. Kevin Matthews did a wonderful job with his perspective as both a parent and executive of the institution. Jeff Field reminded us that 30 years ago the acceptance rate was about 40 percent, compared with 9 percent today, which made us all thankful for our timing. Saturday night, Jon Dahl gave an enlightening speech at our dinner on the future of the financial system. It was great to see Dave Malouf, Sam McPherson and Stephen Kane. On behalf of the Reunion Committee, I thank you all for coming to the event.

Greg Semler won the longest drive contest for his trek from Portland, Ore., to reunion. Greg is the co-founder and managing director at Pivotal Investments, a venture capital firm focusing on growth companies in the Northwest. He is a clean tech entrepreneur with more than 20 years of experience financing high growth companies.

I look forward to seeing you at Baker Athletics Complex for Homecoming on Saturday, October 23, and always feel free to drop me a line at mbctu80@yahoo.com.

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Although they look somewhat underdressed without their freshman beanies, Jay Lee, Dan Tampkin and Harvey Cotton represented the Class of '81 in the Alumni Parade of

Classes during Class Day. Since all three have full heads of hair and do not have significant weight gain, I'd say they are a perfect representation of our class 29 years after graduation. Jay reports:

"We had a great time coming back to Columbia for the College's Alumni Parade of Classes. It was a real honor and joy to represent the Class of '81. The day started with a fancy breakfast at the John Jay Dining Hall, where we reminisced while receiving our Class Day Pins. We then gathered outside the building where each class' banner was handed out.

"We casually chatted to pass the time before collectively marching toward Butler Library, where the parade started. We then started the formal traditional procession along the path between the fields as the Class of '10 cheered us on. The cheering was so loud and enthusiastic that as we walked by holding our class banners, we could not help getting a little sentimental. It certainly was one of the best post-CC moments in nearly three decades for me."

I'm happy to relay that Bob Zinna has rejoined the workforce, as a system programmer working at Austin Community College. Perhaps this will force Bob to drop the golf clubs and slowly back away from the tee.

Kevin Bilms has managed to simultaneously lose his mind and get into great shape: "Not much to report here, except that, in my dotage, I have taken up distance running. I ruptured three lumbar disks in 2008 and was unable to walk for two months. As I recuperated, my neurosurgeon told me that walking was great exercise for my back—the more the better. I figured that since running is really nothing more than fast walking (in my case not too fast), I started running. A mile, then 5k, 10k and so on. I ran my first half-marathon at Virginia Beach on St. Patrick's Day, and in a fit of foolish elegance, submitted an entry for the NYC Marathon. Never having won anything in my life, I figured there was no chance my name would be drawn in the lottery. It was (luck of the Irish, I guess). So, come Sunday, November 7, I will be sloggng through the five boroughs, and no doubt cursing the dementia that made me think this would be fun. My daughter Joanie '12 and her friends have all promised to meet me at the finish line. I only hope that they won't have to carry me across."

While Kevin takes to the streets, Steven R. Buchman takes a seat, although in a comfy endowed chair. Steven was inaugurated on June 10 as the first M. Haskell Newman Professor in Plastic Surgery at the

University of Michigan Medical School. He is the chief of pediatric plastic surgery and director of the Craniofacial Anomalies Program at the C.S. Mott Children's Hospital, and he holds a joint appointment as a professor of neurosurgery. The endowed chair was awarded to Steven for his distinguished service in the reconstruction of children with congenital deformities, his clinical teaching and his NIH R01-funded research. As a tip of the hat to his education at Columbia College, Steven's lecture at the inauguration was titled "Guiding Telemachus on the Road to Knowledge."

Still more so-called news from the relentless Ed Klees: He co-chaired a presentation and published a paper on investment law at the annual meeting of the National Association of College and University Attorneys, held in Washington, D.C., on June 28. Ed also will speak at *Institutional Investor* magazine's annual hedge fund conference in San Francisco in September.

Fred Meyers takes time out from sitting on his porch and yelling at those pesky neighbor kids to check in:

"For 30 years, banks gave me money when they shouldn't have, but now that they should, they won't. There is some real existential humor in that that only a Core Curriculum education could teach one to appreciate. My oldest daughter completed her freshman year at Elon College, and I am dismayed by how little she actually learned that I would consider of value, but I guess the Columbia curmudgeons have been saying that for years. If anyone out there needs logo shirts (minimum order four shirts, great prices, unconditional 10-year guarantee) you automatically qualify for the CC '81 discount. (Custom logo shirts: www.queensboro.com.) And if any of you happens to be the CEO of Wachovia/Wells Fargo, you're Best to my brethren (we can still say that safely!) and don't worry, things are actually going pretty well."

Roger Keller has a slightly more upbeat world view: "God continues to be good to me and my family. I am blessed to have a job I enjoy where I can make a difference. I am a milieu therapist on a tuberculosis unit. I run into all kinds of folks, many very troubled. It is my job to help them follow through with their treatment by helping them with activities and setting up a supportive, friendly and responsive environment. I intervene to resolve problems. A few of the staff meet regularly to pray. God is concerned with these suffering folks, and we pray for them regularly. I saw one man who was not long for this world. His eyes were glassy and he was

not responsive. And suddenly he turned around and was able to leave in a wheelchair. The life had returned to his eyes, and he was laughing and talking with his family. The medical staff said they didn't know what happened. It looked like he had decided to get better. But we knew that God had answered our prayers."

Lastly, I leave you with a note of lovely continuity: Patricia and Steve Maslar are soon to celebrate 29 years of marriage. They were married by Fr. Paul Dinter, then Catholic chaplain at Columbia. Rob Canning was best man.

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Alas, poor Yorick! I knew him, Horatio: a fellow of infinite jest, of most excellent fancy; he hath borne me on his back a thousand times; and now, how abhorred in my imagination it is! For still extant he would have risen from his keister and made fair contribution to this missive.

How's that for some impromptu editorial throat clearing? By way of warning, I'm going to start with Zs and work my way back until I've rustled some commentary from every one of you; even if your response is nothing more than a devil-may-care "Aroint thee, rump-fell reunion!"

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Greetings, classmates.

Robert Hughes: "It was an unexpected, but pleasant, surprise to see the mention in the May/June Class Notes. But it seems that the edition of *The New York Times* that you read is different from the one I read. Or perhaps there's another Robert Hughes working in a parallel universe to preserve old horses and help their owners avoid liability. In my universe, I work to preserve historic houses and try to ensure that preservation of those houses does not impede their livability. Since we're on the subject, I recently secured a \$400,000 grant from the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (and you thought it had no money) to restore and expand a historic building used to house the Huntington Historical Society's extensive archive of historic records. In the last several years, we have raised by donations

and grants more than \$1 million to restore various properties in the National Register Old Town Hall historic district in Huntington's downtown.

"I also am working to restore the last home of John Coltrane, who moved to the Dix Hills section of Huntington in 1964. Considered by many around the world to be a spiritual as well as a musical landmark, as it was where Coltrane composed his masterpiece *A Love Supreme*, the home has been vacant for about 10 years. We are assembling a board of directors to help steer the restoration project and create innovative programming that will spread the Coltrane legacy. If any of Columbia's Coltrane fans are interested in getting involved, I'd be happy to hear from them.

"You may want to note that **Marcus Brauchli**, who now is the executive editor at *The Washington Post*, was the keynote speaker at *Spectator's* annual Blue Pencil Dinner. Marcus spoke to the aspiring journalists about the future of journalism. After the dinner, a few of us old-timers and many of the students gathered at Haakon's Hall on Amsterdam Avenue, where Marcus and Stuart Karle '82 sat on the backs of their chairs and the current *Sper* staff literally sat at their feet to seek their advice and absorb their words of wisdom."

Robert, I'm sorry for butchering your write-up in *The New York Times*. It highlights why you were publisher of *Spectator*, and I was the campus juggler/c clown.

In the *New York Times* Book Review, Lloyd Grove critiques Sarah Ellison's new book, *War at the Wall Street Journal: Inside the Struggle to Control an American Business Empire*. She notes, "**Marcus Brauchli**, the top-ranking editor at the time of the sale, worked diligently on a detailed editorial-independence agreement that, in a version Murdoch rejected, would have created an advisory board to vet personnel choices and would presumably have protected senior editors from the new owner's whims. Brauchli tried to meet Murdoch's mandate that the *Journal* drop its idiosyncratic identity to cover breaking national stories and beat the *Times*. But his efforts to placate the boss came to naught. He lasted less than a year before Murdoch forced his resignation."

My son, Ricky (2), modeled several Easter fashions on *The Today Show*. A photo of my wife's 1979 Hunter College Elementary School class appeared in *The New York Times* article, "Meet the Wagners." Elena Kagan's mother, Gloria Kagan, was their teacher.

Miguel Estrada received heavy praise from Supreme Court nomi-

nee Kagan. *The New York Times* reports, "As they had on Tuesday, Republicans extracted an endorsement from Ms. Kagan of Miguel Estrada, a former law school classmate and longtime friend of Ms. Kagan's whose nomination to the federal appeals court was blocked by Democrats when George W. Bush was president. On Tuesday, Ms. Kagan testified that Mr. Estrada was qualified to sit on not only the appeals court, but also the Supreme Court. On Wednesday, Mr. Cornum demanded to know if she would have voted for him. 'I would have,' she said, before amending her comment to hedge just a bit."

Castle Connolly Medical is the publisher of *America's Top Doctors*. In a full-page announcement in *The New York Times*, it listed **David Kriegel** as one of the selections. David also was listed in *New York Magazine's* Top Doctors. He is a board-certified dermatologist and specializes in Mohs micrographic skin cancer surgery and cosmetic laser surgery.

I was blown away by the full-page First Republic Bank ad in *The New York Times Magazine* section featuring a photo of **Daniel Schultz** and Ross Goldstein, co-founders and managing directors of DFJ Gotham Ventures. They state: "First Republic always meets our needs. They move quickly to customize solutions for us."

David Lyle: "Mary Charlotte Lyle-Murray, 6 lbs., 10 ozs., and Frances Elizabeth Lyle-Murray, 5 lbs., 7 ozs., were delivered at 1:51 p.m. and 1:52 p.m. on July 7. Both girls and their gestational carrier, Suzanne, are thriving. My spouse, Charles Douglas Murray, and I stayed in Sacramento with them until July 28 to let them put on weight before they join the jet set and fly home to Nashville. The squeaking noise coming from this part of California is the sound of our hearts getting wrapped ever more tightly around their little fingers."

"Just moments before I wrote my first note to you about the twins, **Ben Heimsath** and his wife, Sandi, drove away from our house in Nashville after an overnight visit. They're on their way home to Austin after driving to and from New Hampshire for a two-week holiday. It reminds me that Texan Ben always has been a demon about long drives. He and I ended our freshman year by getting a Karmann Ghia through a drive-away service (for transporting other peoples' cars), which we drove to one sitting from the Carman Hall gate on Broadway to my parents' home in Nashville. We had gone through most of New Jersey before we realized this thing had a fifth gear, and

we'd been in fourth the whole time. We had thought the tachometer was running kind of fast. After 14 hours, we hit Nashville, and Ben continued the next day to Austin, another 14 hours. Ben's architecture firm continues to thrive and to do interesting work. Classmates can see some of it at Heimsath.com."

I caught up with **Doug Novins** in between our respective travels. Doug and his wife, Andrea, live in Denver with their daughters, Sylvie (15), a sophomore at Denver's East H.S., and Lena (12), a seventh-grader at Denver School of the Arts. Andrea '83 GW, '89 Brooklyn Law, recently left a small law practice to be a career counselor at the University of Denver's Sturm College of Law. Doug was promoted to professor of child, adolescent and general psychiatry at the University of Colorado's School of Medicine. Doug has spent most of his career focusing on improving mental health and substance abuse services for American Indian and Alaskan native people across the United States. His research has been supported by several NIH institutes and has included work with a southeastern tribe to develop an intervention for their traumatized youth with substance use problems that blends Western psychotherapeutic approaches, such as cognitive behavioral therapy, with traditional native healing. For the last 12 years, Doug has directed a technical assistance center for tribes and tribal organizations that receive federal funding to redesign their children's mental health services. He also has been a leading advocate of the use of videoconferencing to provide mental health services to Native communities that do not have easy access to specialty care and uses videoconferencing himself for serving his native patients in Alaska. Doug is particularly proud of having finally found the time, perseverance and wisdom to put together his first Boston Marathon qualifying performance last year and had a great time at this year's race (where he qualified again).

"The amazing people I've met and worked with at Columbia and in my life since have reinforced some of my core personality traits — humility, listening hard and working harder — while also pushing me to overcome my inherent shyness," he says.

David Rubel: "I work in publishing as a book producer (also known as a book packager). My company is Agincourt Press, and my business is similar to that of an independent film producer. In much the same way that Warner Bros. gives Oliver Stone \$150 million to make a movie that Warner Bros. will market and distribute, publishers hire me to create books

that they will market and distribute. (Of course, these publishers pay me considerably less than Warner Bros. pays Oliver Stone.) Some of the Agincourt titles I write; others, involving more well-known authors, I edit. For all, I manage the creative process from the idea stage through publication, which makes my job consistently interesting and satisfying. As Marx wrote about alienation, it's important to see one's self in one's work. I'm fortunate that I get to do that."

"Another benefit of my work is that it allows me to live in the country. My wife of 15 years, Julia, likes to say that I've never left home (she's from the Upper Peninsula of Michigan), but that's only because she defines 'home' quite broadly. In fact, 14 years ago, we moved to Chatham, N.Y., a small town in the Hudson Valley about two hours north of the city. My office is on Chatham's one-block-long Main Street, but we have DSL and a FedEx box, so I can work just as effectively as I did when my office was on Lafayette Street in SoHo. I write for both adults and children — mostly, but not exclusively, about American history. Classmates may even have one of my children's books on their shelves and not know it. Several have told me that they picked up my encyclopedia of the presidents at a Scholastic book fair only to notice months or years later that my name was on the cover."

"Because book deadlines are much longer than the newspaper ones I used to work under as sports editor of *Spectator*, I typically get to enjoy a rural pace. I drop my children (a 12-year-old daughter and 11-year-old son) off each morning at the local middle school and drive another three blocks to work. Even with this detour, my commute is just 10 minutes. I also get home most evenings early enough to cook dinner. During the summer, we get our vegetables from the large garden in back of the house. Over the years, I've been active in the area of local food. I took part in a campaign to keep farming economically feasible in the town, and for five years, I hosted a program on Northeast Public Radio, *What's for Dinner?*, that featured fresh meals parents could make for their children on school nights. If anyone's interested, I'm in the process of transferring them to my new blog (authorandivdrubel.blogspot.com). I've also begun to dabble in wine- and cheese-making. When the revolution comes, I'm planning to be well-fed!"

Lastly, I had an enjoyable telephone conversation with **Eric Epstein**. Eric and his dad are tireless Columbia supporters, and Eric is looking forward to our 30th reunion.

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Dr. **Adam P. Dicker**, also a Ph.D., has been appointed chairman of the Department of Radiation Oncology at Jefferson Medical College, Thomas Jefferson University (where one of the residents is Dr. Nitin Ohri '03E). Adam is an international authority in radiation oncology, drug development and the treatment of prostate cancer and brain tumors. He is proud to announce that his daughter, Michal, will attend Barnard in the fall.

Bruce Skyer, aka "Baruch of the Buckboard" and "Blotto Band Booster," checks in: "As of April 1, I am the COO of the National Kidney Foundation. NKF is dedicated to preventing kidney and urinary tract diseases, improving the health and well-being of individuals and families affected by kidney disease, and increasing the availability of all organs for transplantation. I am responsible for maximizing the effectiveness of our operations to pursue our mission and meet the objectives of the foundation and its many volunteers. As you can imagine, this is a wonderful opportunity about which I am incredibly excited.

"All alumni should feel free to contact me to donate or to learn of sponsorship opportunities of our many events: bruce.skyer@kidney.org."

Jim Satloff started a new gig as executive chairman of InvestorForce, a financial services data company that operates in the institutional investment arena. He maintains his position as chairman of Liberty Skis, the Colorado-based independent ski manufacturer. Jim recently had lunch with his former suite-mate, **Frank Sommerfield**, and **Barnard alumnae Kay Diaz** and **Margie Smith**. Jim's wife, Emily, was named "America's top new jewelry designer" by *Vogue*, and her wares can be seen either at Barney's shops around the country or on her website (www.larksupandhawk.com) in both cases under her trade name of Larkspur & Hawk. Jim laments that buying jewelry for her now is "like bringing coils to New-castle." Jim also recently attended a ceremony honoring his father, Aaron '56, for 50 years of continual medical practice in Jim's hometown of Rochester, N.Y.

Reggie Henderson sends the following announcement: "Several members of the Class of '84 were in the now-defunct Phi Epsilon Pi fraternity, which had lots of track and rugby players. Phi Ep held an

all-classes reunion on July 31 at the Amsterdam Restaurant and Tapas Lounge at 1207 Amsterdam Ave. You can find more info on Facebook, or e-mail Reggie: reggieep@rochester.rr.com.

David Stafford and his wife, Caryn Tager '85 Barnard, celebrated the bar mitzvah of their son, Andrew, on June 13. David is a v.p. and associate general counsel at The McGraw-Hill Companies, where he's worked since 1992, having returned to the company's legal department after a three-year rotation working as the chief of staff to the company's chairman and CEO. David and his wife live in Scarsdale, N.Y., with their children. In addition to Andrew, they have a son, Daniel (16), and a daughter, Allison (9). David says his life these days revolves around his kids, including tons of weekend sports events. He reports that Allison is the all-around athlete that he always wished he could be. David plays tennis regularly, and he looks fondly back on his time at Columbia. He said he's thrilled to see the school enjoy a surge in popularity and with it, a growing reputation as one of the top and most coveted academic institutions in the country.

who were there. My apologies in advance for not getting to everyone. Please send me an update with additional info.

On the fundraising side, I am pleased to report that the Class of '85 exceeded every benchmark from previous years. Six years ago, our class raised \$29,000. Five years ago, we improved to slightly more than \$100,000 (this level was approximately maintained the last several years). This year, our class raised approximately \$325,000 in unrestricted funds (with athletics receiving additional donations in excess of \$100,000). By meeting our class dollar goal, John Kluge '37 will establish a financial aid endowment in honor of our class upon the realization of his bequest. So our class was able to give more than \$525,000 to Columbia this year. Wow! And our class participation level soared as well. Our class traditionally has given in the 16-20 percent range; this year, more than 22 percent of our class made a gift. To everyone who contributed, thank you so much for your generosity and support.

Reunion started off with a great Thursday evening reception at *The New York Times* building. Thanks to **Brian Cousin** for coordinating the

provides legal support for a variety of product, engineering and marketing teams at Adobe, including Brand Marketing, Advertising and eBooks. He often bumps into **David Zapolsky**, who is in an in-house corporate counsel role and who has been at Amazon for 13 years. His son, Ian, completed his junior year in high school and spent three weeks playing jazz in NYC this summer. Ian played in the national finals at Lincoln Center. Finally, it was great to spend time with former Glee Club head honcho **John Phelan** and his wife, Kimberly. Their children (Unity, Amanda, Joseph and Jack) were around during the weekend. Unity lives in the city as a high school student. John continues to lead the Zweena effort, to provide coordination for electronic patient records (with the new health care bill, the timing couldn't be better ...).

I spoke with **Mike Rivera**, who went to law school at UCLA; his firm serves the entire Southern California area, including the counties of Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino. His firm is bilingual (English/Spanish) and helps in legal matters regarding bankruptcy, corporations, real estate, and trusts and estates. Additionally, Mike has provided clients with services in drafting and negotiating contracts, prosecuting or defending litigation, assisting with compliance with governmental regulations and dealing with other legal issues that arise in a business setting.

I also spent time with **Adam Catana**, who is an attorney, works for JP Morgan Chase and lives in Manhattan with his wife and two children, and **Heather Paxton**, who has lived in Kansas City for eight years but traveled extensively before that. She is the author of four books, with an emphasis on Kansas City history, and works with *The Independent* there.

We were greeted by the presence of former Dean of Students **Roger Leheka** '67 (along with his wife, Ria Coyne '84 Barnard) and **Peter Johnson** (who also worked in the Dean of Students' office, and who now is associate dean in the Admissions Office). Both happened to be on the same floor attending another reception. Roger's eldest daughter, Vivian '13, completed her first year at the College.

On Friday, while there were a series of lectures and tours, my afternoon highlight was with the Glee Club alumni reception/rehearsal. The Alumni Office has (properly) recognized that so many of us have strong connections to the activities that we participated in as well as our class at large. For many years, various sports teams

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After eight years as the chief administrative law judge for New York City, **Roberto Velez** will become v.p. for corporate compliance and counsel at Promesa, an organization that provides a range of services to Bronx communities. Roberto has purchased a home in Riverdale, the Bronx, and moved in late June with his wife, Natalie, and daughter, Noelle. Roberto is very proud that Noelle will be attending the prestigious Fiorelli H. LaGuardia School of Music & Art and Performing Arts.

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After many months of planning, our 25th reunion has come and gone. I was not sure I knew what to expect, but I can report that everyone (myself included) seemed to have had a wonderful time. There are many stories to tell ... and I will use the next several columns to relate some of the weekend's activities, as well as my notes from those

great space. We had a nice gathering of about 20 classmates. The good part for Brian was that it was easy for him to get to the reception, as his office is in the same building. The bad part for Brian was that it was too easy for him to go back to his office. Brian is an employment practice attorney at Seyfarth Shaw. He lives in Larchmont with his wife and three children.

Tom Carey, from my Contemporary Civilization class, helped to memorialize the evening (and much of the weekend) by taking pictures with one of the few non-digital cameras left in the world. Tom lives in Great Falls, Mont., having ventured to many other places in the last 25 years. He is a pathologist and has three children (18, 16 and 13).

I spent much of the evening with three of my fellow Glee Clubbers. **Dan Poliak** is senior corporate counsel for Adobe and lives in Seattle; he is responsible for managing the trademark group, which includes supervision of the registration, protection and enforcement of all Adobe trademarks and domain names. He also



A hardy corps of Glee Clubbers gathered at the Sundial at midnight during Alumni Reunion Weekend in early June. Enjoying the music and beverages were (front row, left to right) Thomas Vinciguerra '85, Beth Knobel '84 Barnard, Jon White '85, Ari Brose '84 Barnard, Shelley Friedland '87, Laurie Gershon '87 and Sue Raffman '87; and (middle row, left to right) Rich Froehlich '85, Cathy Schwartz Cotton '83 Barnard, Maya Panvelli-Hartheimer '87, David Zapolsky '85 and Linda Macri '87; and (back row, left to right) Tom Scotti '85 and John Phelan '85.

have done a great job with this. For the first time last year, "affinity receptions" were held during reunion/Dean's Day, allowing all alumni, not just the reunion ones, to attend. This year's receptions included such groups as *Spectator*, WKCR, Marching Band and Glee Club/singing groups.

More than 80 former Glee Clubbers, spanning more than 40 years of Glee Club history, attended, including two former wonderful Glee Club conductors, Bruce Trinkle '66 and Gerald Weale '57, who led the group in the '60s. As the a cappella groups have grown during the last 25 years, starting with the Kingsmen and now numbering 10 groups, Glee Club membership waned significantly and was in jeopardy of disappearing after more than 130 years. Fortunately, some great work by Nick Rudd '64, Michael Garrett '66 and several others have helped to revitalize the alumni network. [Editor's note: See "Alumni Corner"]

There were many familiar faces in the room from the various classes from the '80s, both from our class and beyond. From our class, in addition to the classmates mentioned above, it was great to see Leslie Smartt McCarthy, who lives in the Bay Area, has worked with the AP and was enjoying NYC with her three children (15, 12 and 9), and my former Stuyvesant classmate, Alan Newman. Alan lives in Denver, where he is a practicing psychiatrist and author. Several other classmates joined us on Saturday morning (to be included in the next issue's column).

Other early '80s Glee Club veterans and legends were there, including Ed Krishok '81, Eric Hansen '81 and Larry Scoones '82. Eric and Larry had anchored the

bass section nearly 30 years ago when I joined the Glee Club, and continued to do so that weekend. It also was great to spend time with former Glee Club President Cathy Schwartz Cotton '83 Barnard. Cathy is married to Harvey Cotton '81, and our lives have had similar post-Glee Club turns: Between our kids going to Columbia (Cathy's son Ben '11 is editor-in-chief of *Spectator*) and Cathy marking the end of Harvey's turn as president of their synagogue. It was wonderful to catch up with Beth Knobel '84 Barnard, who I know from my Stuy High days. Beth was the Moscow correspondent for CBS News for many years (I would often hear her radio reports). She has two children and lives in Whiteside. Other familiar faces included Ginny Perrin '85 Barnard, and the musical talents of CC '87: Sue Raffman, Lee Ilan, Laurie Gershon and Maya Panvelli-Hartheimer, among others.

On Friday night, we filled the back room at V&T, with dinner featuring the same pies, pasta, decor and tablecloths that you may remember from long ago. Dean Michele Moody-Adams stopped by. There also was face painting for the kids. We sat with Tom Vinciguerra, writer par excellence. After his work as an editor at CCT for more than a decade, and many years as deputy editor of the newsmagazine *The Week*, with frequent contributions to *The New York Times*. Tom still is writing and still is unmatched in relating great Columbia stories.

I also spent some time with my John Jay 11 floormate, Mike Coudreau, who was there with his wife, Kimberly, and their children, Curtis and Tillie. Mike attended medical school at Columbia and was a major in the Air Force. He is a psychiatrist in Salt Lake City and is the chairman

of the Department of Psychiatry at Intermountain Healthcare. Seeing Mike fondly reminded me of the 11 Jay midnight soccer games that often rattled my door during freshman year.

Also in attendance were a pair of Pauls: Paul Getzels, who continues both his legal practice and voice-over career in New York as well as regular singing with the City Bar chorus, with his wife, Kathy; and Paul Bongiorno, who made it a family night out with his wife, Francesca, and young children, Paul, Gabriel and Olivia. Paul is working in the city with Opus 3 Artists.

Steve Carly and I chatted both prior to and at reunion. Steve has 20 years of multi-disciplinary and multi-industry investment banking experience. His experience has included advising both U.S. and international companies regarding corporate finance and M&A activity, and advising U.S. and international institutional investors (pension funds, endowments, foundations, investment advisors and partnerships) regarding investments and fundraising activities globally. He is managing director at GTK Partners. Prior to joining GTK, Steve was employed at Lehman Brothers from 2000-06, and at UBS from 1994-2000. He lives in New Jersey with his wife and two children.

Some of our Engineering classmates were at reunion as well. I chatted with Lydia Tang '85E, who has three kids (15, 12 and 9) and is a math teacher, also doing some options trading. Daniel Lew '85E works in Darien for a large broker-age firm.

Leading the core contingent as always was Colin Redhead, who is a director of structured finance at M&B Insurance Co. After getting his M.B.A. at a somewhat well-known university in Cambridge, Mass., Colin was a v.p. at JPMorgan Securities Inc. assistant v.p. at Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corp. and a senior analyst at Chemical Bank. He and his wife, Anne '87, have four children (eldest age 14) and live in Westchester.

After dinner concluded, many of us headed over to The West End, or rather what's left of The West End, which is now an establishment called Havana Central at The West End. The "back room" is gone, and the music made it difficult to chat. I spent time with Brian Margolis, who is a partner in the Corporate Department at Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe. Brian has a corporate and securities law practice, with an emphasis on public offerings, private placements, mergers and acquisitions, corporate governance issues and general corporate counseling. He lives in Larchmont with his wife

and children (14, 12 and 8).

Among others present was Fumald grocery maven Kevin Kelly, who continues his work in the Department of Small Business Services for NYC Mayor Michael Bloomberg; his previous post-Columbia stints have included the Peace Corps, various stops around the world and with Bloomberg. And Daniel Savin, continuing with his work as a senior research scientist at Columbia's Department of Astronomy and Astrophysics, also was there, in the midst of a spirited discussion with several College and Engineering classmates.

A few of our Barnard classmates attended (my apologies for not seeing any of the faces in that part of the room), all greeted by Rich Maimon. Rich continues his architecture practice in Philadelphia and was kind enough to spend some time at lunch Saturday with my eldest son, Isaac '14, who is thinking about a career in architecture.

Stay tuned for Part Two of the reunion update in the next edition of CCT...

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George Shea and his brother, Richard, have a public relations firm, Shea Communications, in Chelsea. But that's not what George is best known for. I'll let *The New York Times* take over from the article on George and Richard in the sports section on July 2. "Without the Shea brothers, there would still be a county fair pie-eating contest here, a bar-sponsored chicken-wing showdown there. The July 4 Nathan's hot dog eating contest might still be in Coney Island, where it started in 1916. But few beyond New York would know about it, and it would certainly not be televised live to ESPN's biggest audience of the day. The words 'competitive' and 'eating' would not be conjoined. There would be no International Federation of Competitive Eating. And presumably, there would be fewer eating contests, particularly those on Independence Day: pies in Houlton, Me; hot peppers in Round Rock, Tex; burritos in Corvallis, Iowa; and veggie dogs in Austin, Tex., to name a mouthful. Now

Roy Braeger '86 Celebrates Good Times

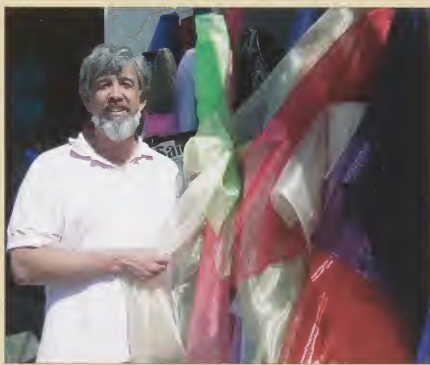
By GORDON CHENOWETH SAUER '11 ARTS

When Lincoln Center celebrated its 50th birthday in May 2009, tens of thousands of orange and fuchsia balloons were used for decoration, with 2,000 of them devoted to a 20-foot-tall "50." The man responsible for this "kids' birthday party for adults" was **Roy Braeger '86**, founder and operator of the party-planning company Roy Braeger Events (<http://roybraeger.com>).

Braeger, who works from his design studio in Red Hook, Brooklyn, specializes in event design and production. He is responsible for both the organization and execution of galas, birthday parties, corporate events, weddings — "basically, any occasion worth celebrating," he says.

"On the planning side," Braeger explains, "I coordinate all the vendors, such as the entertainment, caterers, photographers, tent companies, limo companies, DJs, security services and more. On the design side, I create the look and layout of an event. I create the floor plans; design the lighting scheme; and provide custom linens, flowers, props, furniture or anything else the party requires."

With a staff that varies from two to 20, depending on both the number and scale of events, Braeger maintains a diverse clientele of 30 ongoing corpo-



Party planner Roy Braeger '86 with some of the colorful fabrics he uses in designing an event setting.

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rate and private clients, including A&E Television Network, NYU Langone Medical Center and eBay.

Braeger describes his vision as "combining an East End elegance with a Brooklyn edge." Basically, he says, "That's taking any object that you might find anywhere and doing something fun and elegant with it."

Originally from Southampton, N.Y., Braeger chose Columbia in order to live in Manhattan and credits the College for his intellectual preparation and his exposure to the city. He says, "The first opera I saw was with Music

Humanities, and now I do work for the Metropolitan Opera and the City Opera; the first symphony I saw was at Lincoln Center, and now I do Lincoln Center's special events. Basically, Columbia gave me my start here in the city in every area — culture, music, everything."

Majoring in English with a pre-med concentration, though taking many art courses, Braeger believes his design sensibilities also are a product of his College experience. "There is a sense of monumental scale, which is evident in the architecture at Columbia, which is

evident in the thinking, which is evident in the implicit position in the world that you're granted when you leave. Big thinking. Big design," he says.

Braeger was accepted to dental school but deferred. He designed a line of handmade table lamps and worked at a friend's Brooklyn design company before starting Roy Braeger Events in 2004. Best friend Jacob Werksman '86 says it was a career decision. "Roy went through Columbia trying to convince people he was planning to be a dentist," says Werksman. "I think he has found a more painless way of improving peoples' smiles."

Braeger, who recently finished writing his first book, a horror novel, has not been immune to the economic downturn. "Everything is becoming much more last-minute, and that makes me nervous," he says. And though he has worked hard to "ratchet things up," including opening a Los Angeles office, his optimism is perhaps his greatest rebounding asset. "I have a new campaign, which I state on the home page of my website, called 'get happy,'" says Braeger.

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the brothers conduct more than 80 eating contests each year, most not involving hot dogs. They have an archive of about 150 eating records, including those for cow brains, cheese steaks, candy bars, cabbage, cannoli, crab cakes, corn dogs, cranberry sauce, crawfish and calamari — to name some starting with "C." About 250 eaters compete exclusively under their Major League Eating banner, though only Joey Chestnut and Takeru Kobayashi of Japan make a living from overeating."

I watched the Nathan's hot dog eating contest on ESPN and heard George introduce all the competitors with tremendous enthusiasm. He told me that there were about

40,000 spectators, and they put on an extensive pre-show featuring Ringling Brothers and several well known rappers and DJs. George emceed the festivities and at some point found himself singing 99 Luftballoons in German to the crowd. Chestnut won this year for the fourth consecutive time by eating 54 hot dogs and buns in 10 minutes (that's 16,052 calories). You can see the fun side of George at www.ifocoe.com.

It was not to be for **John Chachas**, as he could not overcome the name recognition that his Nevada Republican primary opponents had built up over the years. John also was not as far to the right as winner Sharron Angle, who enjoyed the support of

the Tea Party. We're curious to see what John does next. As he said on his website, "ChachasNevada.com will become an interactive outlet to disseminate policy ideas relevant to the public discourse on how to improve life in Nevada and the nation. Some of what we post will be concurrent with policy pieces I published in the Republican primary. But we will also post data, interpretations, opinions and work of others."

Stay tuned!

Kevin Quinn is back in NYC after 10 years away (six in the Bay Area and four in Tokyo). He's been with Goldman Sachs for almost 20 years and is a senior member of its technology/media team. Kevin and

his family live in Short Hills, N.J., and look forward to reconnecting with their CU and NYC friends.

Peter Muniz and his wife, Ivette Feliciano-Muniz '86E, are happy to inform their friends and classmates that their son, Joshua Muniz, is a member of the SEAS Class of 2014.

John "Murph" Murphy e-mailed a great first-time update. "Hard to believe we'll be celebrating our 25th reunion next year, and I am only now providing an update, although I have tried my best to stay current with many of my fellow Columbia graduates. In fact, in late July, my family and I shared a summer house in Massachusetts with Dr. Donna Pacicca '87 and her husband, Dominic DeCico '84E, godparents to my

son, and their two boys, and Andrew F. Upton '85, his wife, Alison, and their two girls. While back East, we hope to catch up with my former roommate, and godfather to my daughter, the commanding officer of McGuire AFB, Col. Scott F. Smith and his family, who now live in the next town over from where I was raised in New Jersey. Not a week goes by that I do not communicate with the same group of friends that I shared a townhouse, known as FJII, with during the mid-1980s. In addition to Andrew and Dom, e-mail me up to date with Dave Madoff '85, Dr. Mike Goldfisher, Matt Barr '87, Bill Flick '87, Arthur Aizenman '83 and many others. I am a lucky man!

"Right after graduation, I thought I would never leave Manhattan. However, I have been happy to call Southern California home for nearly 20 years, and I have been blessed to have my wife, Cindy, and our children, Elizabeth (10) and Jan (6), enjoy the sun and surf that comes from living in Orange County. My family enjoys spending time with our West Coast Columbia connections, including Patrick McGarrigle and his clan, Steve Huskey and his family, Philip Nevinsky, Don Chiesa '88, Tony Anguello '88, and, of course, the ever-entertaining Jack C. Merrick and his merry band of children. As some might recall, I had a great opportunity during school with Ian Schrager and Steve Rubell that allowed me to be part of the design and development team that created the Morgan, the Royalton and the Paramount hotels in NYC. Since that time, I have been fortunate to have developed several theme park projects for the Walt Disney Co. and The Grove in the Fairfax District of Los Angeles as well as resort housing in Utah and Maui. I enjoy working three miles from my home as I manage the development of retail projects in Los Angeles, Orange County, San Diego, La Jolla and San Jose for the Irvine Co.

"This summer, I spent a great evening being part of the Columbia College Southern California Summer Advisory Session, welcoming the Class of 2014 to the Columbia community by presenting attendees with a copy of *The Iliad* by Homer — perhaps it is time for me to finally read it as well!"

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We have a few updates from some old friends.

Tom Duval wrote: "I went through a career change last year. After producing Westborough,

Mass., singer-songwriter Luanne Crosby's new CD, *Ceremonies and Celebrations*, I left my day job with Nuance Communications in March 2009 and accepted an invitation to join the Foreign Service. I completed my training with the State Department and have been at my first assignment for the past year as a vice consul in Vancouver. My wife, Carole, and daughter, Kate (9), also are enjoying the adventure so far."

Resident author **Garth Stein** reports from the Pacific Northwest as one of the end of June, his novel, *The Art of Racing in the Rain*, is continuing its run on *The New York Times* bestseller list with 54 weeks and counting.

Joe Feurer is executive director of the Society for International Development (a professional association for those working in international development) in Washington, D.C. He recently started a CC/Lit Hum Book Discussion Club (attached to the CU Alumni Club of Washington). He welcomes any alumni in the D.C. area who would like to join. Please contact him at jfeurer@hotmail.com.

And I am looking forward to hearing much more from all of you either by e-mail or on Facebook. Remember, this column can only be as good and as juicy as you make it!

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Sweltering summer days are soon to wind down, but as of this writing, talk of summer camps, vacations and the hum of air conditioners surround me. I hope all of you are enjoying the season in happiness!

I have had the pleasure of hearing from Carl C. Eierle, who writes, "In brief, I am the director of adult reconstruction (orthopedics) at the combined Walter Reed Army and Bethesda Naval Medical Centers. I returned from Iraq just before Christmas 2009. I have four kids and a wife of 21 years at home. My eldest three children are teenagers. Recently, I was ranked among the top five physicians in patient satisfaction among all physicians in the Navy. Two years ago, our residents selected me as Orthopedic Educator of the Year. In addition to caring for our nation's warriors, I also provide top-shelf orthopedic care for retirees and a good number of the highest ranking members of the military and government."

Ruth Glazer sent in the following: "I live in Weston, Conn., with my husband, Steven Glazer, and our children, Emily and Ethan. Although we spend most of our

time in the suburbs, we do go into NYC many times a year and often visit the Columbia campus. I think both my kids have found the owl in Alma Mater, but we probably should check on that on our next visit. After a long tenure with Credit Suisse, I took the leap and started my own consulting firm, JD Advisor. We advise clients, many of whom are law firms and law departments in corporations, on how to operate their businesses efficiently. I feel fortunate that I have found a career that I truly enjoy. Plus, being self-employed has given me the luxury of spending quality time with my husband and family. That is the best bonus of all.

"Sadly, I have lost touch with many classmates and would enjoy hearing from anyone who may remember me. My contact info is rglazer@jddadvisor.com."

Steve Cohen shares his good news: "My wife and I are very pleased to announce that we had a beautiful son, Leo Jones Cohen, on January 13, who joins our daughter, Nina Jones Cohen (2). I live on the Upper West Side and am a partner at Wachtell Lipton. Of all the great privileges I have enjoyed, being a father to Leo and Nina is by far the greatest."

Leslie Gittes also shares exciting news: "After 16 years working for professional sports leagues (NFL and MLB) in various capacities (most recently in digital media business development), Leslie Gittes has opened a media advisory boutique, Blue Sky Media NYC, where she is advising early stage companies on their digital strategy and distribution of their content. She also has launched a startup that is developing an iPhone/iPad application that she knows all Columbia grads will love."

Jon Bustinse is an emergency physician and the Massachusetts State EMS director. He lives in Lexington with his "wonderful wife and fantastic daughter." Rob Daniel is an anesthesiologist. He writes, "I live in Westfield, N.J., with my wife, Sharon, and kids, Matt, Erika, Ryan, Colin and Jenna." Aaron Gleckman shares, "I am the medical director of the histopathology and cytopathology laboratory at Urologic Specialists of New England in West Warwick, R.I. I live on the east side of Providence. I am married to Dorit Kagy, and I have four kids, Georgia (13), Isabella (13), Marnie (13) and Isaac (3)."

Jesse Greenberg is busy "working at IBM (13 years now) and still happily married to my wife of 20 years, Karen. Our kids are doing great: Daniel (17) recently earned his Eagle rank in the Boy Scouts and attended Boys State this summer as a delegate. Hannah (15) wants to go to Columbia (Class of 2017)

and Sophie (13) recently had her bat mitzvah."

I am looking forward to hearing more from our class. Please write and let us know of your fortunes since 1988!

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Classmates, I hope you all enjoyed a wonderful summer of travel and relaxation.

Thankfully, I heard from Rachelle Tunik, who traveled enough for all of us on an around-the-world trip. She writes, "I've always had a passion for architecture. The focus of my trip was great art, architecture and gardens." Having already stepped away from her work at Disney in order to manage an interior design and remodeling project, Rachelle had a gap before her project phase would start and decided to take advantage of it. Her trip went from March-June.

"After landing in Frankfurt, I stopped in Brussels, London (had to see the Athenian marbles), Paris (to go in-line skating), Florence, Pisa, Genoa, Milan, Athens, Rome, Barcelona, Granada, Madrid, Copenhagen, Beijing, Shanghai, Suzhou, Kyoto, Nara, Mt. Koya and Seoul," Rachelle writes. "I returned to the United States via San Francisco and visited family in the East Bay before returning home to Orlando. Thankfully, my dogs still seem to recognize me."

"The biggest challenge wasn't volcanic ash, as I had train travel already booked during the period when flights were grounded over Europe. Nor was it strikes or protests, as those are fairly common in Europe when the weather is nice. The biggest challenges were mildew and cigarette smoke in Italy and air pollution in China. I could have spent a day at the Shanghai World Expo but the air quality was so poor I couldn't see the river three blocks from my hotel despite looking out a 21st-story window."

"Aside from having a wonderful time in Athens, my favorite places were Kyoto and surrounds and Barcelona. Everything there — art, architecture, gardens, music, shopping, food — was wonderful. I also enjoyed seeing Lord Leighton's home and studio in London; Parc Citroën in Paris; the museums of Florence and the *pietra dure* artisans at work; the Alhambra and Generalife above Granada; the gardens of Suzhou; hiking up Mt. Inari through the torii; and Mt. Koya, especially a nighttime lantern-lit walk through the cemetery past markers for Shoguns, royalty (and

their present-day equivalent) to the shrine of Okuma Daishi.

"The items and information I gathered during the trip certainly will influence my artwork. I'm spending time organizing the hundreds of photos I took and finishing a book about these travels."

Though my summer was far less exciting than Rachelle's, I did attend a reading at my local bookstore in Brookline by Ann Brashares' '89 *Barnard* (of *Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants* fame). Ann recently wrote her second adult novel, *My Name is Memory*. It was great to see Ann after so many years and to hear her read from her latest novel, which I highly recommend to anyone who enjoys well-crafted characters and an imaginative plot.

Lee Feldman, with his wife, Suzanne, and their two sons recently welcomed a third child, a girl, Allison Margaret. According to Lee, who is a partner at Choate, Hall & Stewart in Boston, "Everybody is doing well. Based on the age gap between Allison and my oldest, Henry (11), by the time that Allison goes to college (hopefully Columbia), I will probably be a grandfather."

Ed Hamrick and his partner, Jen, welcomed their second child. At publication date, he was known as "Abby's little brother."

My husband, Dave Terry '90, and I visited with **John MacPhee**, president of Strativa Pharmaceuticals, at the launching of the New York office of Bottom Line, a nonprofit Dave has chaired for a couple of years. Besides running Strativa, John has been busy as the coach for his daughter's basketball team and holding down the fort while his wife, **Donna MacPhee**, travels to faraway destinations as part of her position as v.p. of alumni relations for the University and president of the Columbia Alumni Association.

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What a thrill it was to have seen so many people at our 20th reunion. And I'm talking dozens and dozens more people than I expected. Unfortunately, although Barnard does its reunion at the same time as we do, there is little overlap with events, so it's much harder to see Barnard classmates than CC and SEAS. While I was enjoying the Saturday lunch and dinner events, I also was thinking about this column. How boring it would be to simply list all the people I saw on campus without having anything to say about them. At dinner, I invited everyone to e-mail me with news, rather than

have to go around with a notepad and pen (does anyone even have those things anymore?). I thank my faithful and first-time contributors for their news.

A few weeks before reunion, I received an update from **Eric Horwitz**, who claims he "never does this" but always reads *Class Notes*. I think Eric means that he never sends news because this is the first time I recall writing about him. Eric got married right after graduation, became a father nine months later (she is now at the University of Maryland) and also has a son (16) whose driving style is akin to a grandmother's. Eric says this is a good thing. Five years ago, Eric left his life as a senior manager at PricewaterhouseCoopers and has been doing business and life coaching to Ivy Leaguers ever since. What he has discovered is that 35-year-olds would get a lot more out of the Core Curriculum than 19-year-olds ever can.

Durahn Taylor also wrote for his first time (in my nine-year memory of writing this column) a few weeks before reunion. He and Eric both said that they planned to attend some events, but I think I missed them. Guys, were you there? If I could give Durahn a nickname, it would be Dr. History. After earning his B.A. in history, he got a master's in history from American and interned at the Smithsonian while living in D.C. Durahn returned to Columbia for his Ph.D. in history (1999), writing his dissertation on Harlem politics during the Depression and WWII. As a doctoral student, he taught CC and some history classes as an adjunct professor at Concordia College in Bronxville. In 1999, he began teaching at Pace. In 2005, Durahn received tenure. Some of the classes he's taught in the past 11 years include "History of Immigration and Diversity"; "Culture and History of Black America"; and "History of the American Presidency." Every few years, he also teaches immigration history at Columbia's summer program. But wait, there's more! Durahn also is the creator, producer and host of a public-access history TV show in White Plains, *Stories in Time with Durahn Taylor*. He says he likes teaching history on TV as much as teaching it in the classroom. Career-wise, Durahn describes the past 20 years as blessed.

Melissa Landau Steinman was not at reunion but wrote all the same. "While I could not attend reunion because my oldest son (12) had the bad manners to be born the first weekend in June, thus ensuring a birthday-related conflict for pretty much every reunion thus far, I can assure you I was with everyone in

spirit. I was in NYC the following week to attend the 2010 Chambers (law) Awards, where I picked up an award on behalf of the Advertising, Marketing and New Media practice group at Venable, the Washington, D.C., law firm where I am a partner. Unbelievably enough, I have been at Venable for 17 years, nearly as long as we have all been away from Morningside Heights. I started at the firm's D.C. office immediately after graduating from Harvard Law School.

"This year has been a big one professionally, as I also was recommended in the 2010 Legal500 for my work in sweepstakes and social media advertising, and I have been serving on the board of the Promotion Marketing Association.

"I live in Chevy Chase, Md., just over the District line, with my sons, Charlie (12) and Jamie (8), along with our gerbil, Popsicle, who is here on sufferance, as he escaped while I was on a trip to Spain this past February and chewed into the refrigerator power cord. Both boys are, of course, handsome, smart and talented (at least according to their mother). I was particularly pleased when Charlie announced this spring that he wants to go to Columbia, although he was in part influenced by a misperception that the university is somewhere near Katz's Delicatessen (which he had just visited as part of a religious school trip to Ellis Island)."

Hmm, that was one of the reasons I wanted to go to Columbia, too!

And now, people at reunion, all of whom I had not seen for a long time, and all of whom look absolutely fabulous! Since March, **Anita Bose** has been director of Healthcare Business Development for North America at MS&L, the same global communications company she's been with for a while now. She's coming up on 20 years living in New York and as in love with it as ever. Through the years, Anita's had the great fortune to enjoy traveling for work and pleasure. Last summer, she went to Russia to visit Tony Wong '90E, who has lived in Moscow for 12 years and is the general manager for Abbott Laboratories in Russia.

Paul Greenberg also made a job change in March. He now is with Time as president of digital for its Lifestyle Group. He is in charge of 10 digital brands and properties (including websites, mobile, iPad, etc.).

Nancy Pak; her husband, Jim Marshall; and their children, Cecilia and Ryan, live in Bangkok, Thailand, where Nancy is the marketing director of Greater Asia for Colgate-Palmolive. How great that a business trip brought Nancy and Jim to New York and they could stay for reunion.

Arlene Hong became a mom to Colin in October 2009. In July, Arlene and the family left NYC for Montclair, N.J.

It happened to me, too: traded city life for house and yard when the family grew. Not that I don't like where I live, but I do miss the urban landscape and walking to public transportation.

Dan Sacknowitz schlepped over from the East Side, but next time, he'll be driving in. As of mid-June, the family relocated to Larchmont, N.Y., and have become homeowners. Congratulations, Sack!

Anita hosted an old-fashioned sleeper at her apartment on Saturday for Arlene, **Gloria (Kim) Pak**, Joy (Kim) Metalios '90E, Betty (Mar) Tsang '90E and Peter Hsing '90E. Anita reports that from a Carman 11 perspective, at reunion she saw Nancy, Betty, **Andrew Cohen**, **Marc Seidenberg**, **Mike Kanner** and **Lara Bashkoff** '90E. That's a pretty good turnout, but I think I can beat that. From Carman 8, we had Isaac Astrachan, Lisa Cohen, **Val Dornady**, **David Eng**, **Sharon Rogers**, **Judy Shpanier**, **Laura Shaw Frank**, **Peter Spett**, **John Vincenti**, **Robert (Zornberg) Wald** '90E and yours truly.

I love that in solidarity with our reunion, some Los Angeles types had their own mini-reunion. Andrew "Fuzzy" Lih '90E hosted **Jennifer Lee**, **Balan Venugopal** and **Rich Yaker** '90E at his house in Venice on the Saturday night of reunion. Word has it they listened to 'Plex music (gotta love the late '80s) and toasted the rest of us. Awwww, thanks guys.

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Hello, all! I recently returned from a trip to NYC, where I spent time with **Julie Vey**, **Beth Shubin Stein**, **Ken Shubin Stein**, **Jon (Giarratano) Della Pietra**, **Jodi Williams**, **Lara Bashkoff** '90 and **Gabrielle Armand** '90 Barnard. Even though we talk on the phone and e-mail regularly, I love that we can pick up our friendships in person, right where we left off, no matter how long it's been. From reading the updates that I've received during the past 11½

years, it's clear that a lot of you have the same kinds of friendships from our days at Columbia.

One of those people is **Corey Wallace**, who wrote: "Things are going well here just outside of D.C. My little monsters are growing (Zoe (6) and Cole and Drew (4)) and had a great spring, once we finally dug ourselves out of the snow. I never saw anything like it here. Work is going well, and I recently was appointed medical director for the INOVA Spine Center in Alexandria, Va., and recognized as one of the top 50 spine surgeons in the United States. I also spent a few days with **Joel Barron** and **Darren Finestone** in Los Angeles and, as you know, that is always entertaining."

Connie McVey sent in this update: "Five years ago, Mike So-colow and I moved from Boston to Bangor, Maine. Mike left his job at Brandeis to teach at the University of Maine. I was pregnant with our second son. Now Geo (George) is 4 and Simon is 6. I am a psychotherapist specializing in trauma and clinical hypnosis, and Mike recently was awarded tenure in the Department of Communication and Journalism. The slower-paced living is great, as is the hiking in nearby Acadia National Park, and eating from our blueberry bushes, though sporadic travel to big cities and exotic places is no doubt essential. It will be 20 years ago this fall when I met Mike at The West End!"

Ben Leake lives in Washington, D.C., with his wife, Danielle Feuil-lan '91 Barnard, and children, Isaac (11) and Dinah (9). Lee has worked for 10 years for the National Marine Fisheries Service, where he coordinates a fishing gear research program and tracks mid-Atlantic fisheries issues. Lee's band, The Starlings, released its second CD, *I'm Proud, I'm Happy, I'm Sorry*, last December (available on iTunes and Amazon). Isaac and Dinah are budding musicians, playing electric guitar and drums, respectively. Lee was delighted to meet up with **Joel Johnson** for breakfast in February. Joel's band, 2 Skinnee 's, is still rocking out with mini-tours on the East Coast.

Dina Kotkin Feivelson and her husband, Neal Feivelson '91E, had twin girls in September 2009. Sonya Rose and Dahlia Tamar. Before that, Dina earned an M.P.H. and a Ph.D. in medical anthropology, both from Columbia. They live in NYC and have since we graduated.

After four years in Atlanta, **Joel Rubenstein** relocated to Edinburgh, Scotland. Joel accepted a position as the global sales and marketing director for Lighthouse Caledonia, the largest independent supplier of Scottish Salmon.

And, finally, my suitemate from Carman 8, **Betsy Kalin**, sent in this update: "I'm a filmmaker living in West Hollywood, Calif., and directing and producing three feature-length docs. My short documentary, *Chained!*, is screening at festivals around the world. Next up is Michigan Womyn's Music Festival and Vancouver Queer Film Festival in August. More info on my projects can be found at www.itchybeeproductions.com. I saw Vera Scanlon '90 when *Chained!* premiered in NYC (she came to the screening in Chelsea) and saw Beth Clement '90 during the holidays. I have been working on a documentary in Western Massachusetts for WGBY, Springfield's PBS, so I see Dana Gillette '91 often."

Our 20th Alumni Reunion Weekend is scheduled for Thursday, June 2-Sunday, June 5, 2011 ... how did that come upon us so quickly? If you are interested in serving on the Reunion Committee, please contact Taruna Sachoo, assistant director, alumni affairs, at the e-mail or phone number at the top of the column. Committee members and volunteers do not need to live in the NYC area in order to participate in the planning efforts — meetings can be attended in person or via conference call.

It will be great to catch up with everyone in person next year! Until next time ... cheers!

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[Editor's note: It's not just Jeremy who needs news. It's all of your classmates, too. Please send him a note telling him about life, family, work, travels or the subject of your latest political manifesto so his CCT editor will stop yelling at him. E-mail too time-consuming? CCT has made it even easier to send a Class Note. Just go to www.college.columbia.edu/cct and select "Contact Us" on the left side of the page, then "Submit a Class Note" to send a note directly to Jeremy.]

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A big thanks to everyone who shared updates with me! **Jenny Kim** said, "I'm an associate counsel with the Depository Trust and Clearing Corp. on Water Street. Live in Chelsea. Love being an aunt to Sophia (2). Planning a scuba dive trip for fall. In touch

with **Melissa de la Cruz** and **Thad Sheely** ... Typical New York living!"

Eric Redhead wrote, "Since my last update, I've done a bit of traveling. I never went back into finance, but did a bit of acting, namely *Conan* and some commercials. I know **John Balestriere** has his own law firm now, and he and his wife recently had their fourth child. I sometimes see **Rachel Mintz** and **Sandra Fahy**."

Scott Spivey wrote, "I am a global account manager at Cisco Systems, covering GE. I live in northern Kentucky with my wife, Teena; daughters Sidney (11), Morgan (9) and Emma (7); and son, Zach (5). I recently caught up with **Billy Basso** and **Dennis Lafferty** in NYC, which was great. I see fellow Sammys Brian Hansen '94 and **Greg Watson** at Brian Williams '94's annual memorial event, and we usually plan a baseball or football game in Chicago or Cincinnati once a year."

If your name was mentioned, and I did not hear from you directly, I'd love to get an update!

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Ocean MacAdams writes with lots of news, both on the home front and the work front:

Ocean and his wife welcomed their second child, Axel, in February. The family recently moved to Park Slope, Brooklyn. Ocean has been just as busy at work. In 2009, after 13 years at MTV, he started his own TV production company. "It was a lot of fun, and I got to produce everything from a daytime talk show on ABC to the White House Christmas tree lighting ceremony," he writes. Then a few months ago, Ocean joined Current TV, the channel started four years ago by Al Gore, and is s.v.p. of programming. Ocean writes, "I'm going help them relaunch and rebrand the channel. It's an exciting opportunity — you don't get to be part of a start-up TV network that often — and we have some pretty great things on the way."

On a more somber note, I was very sad to hear that **Mildred E. Niss**, a poet and web artist, died on November 29. I last heard from Millie last fall, when she reported that she and Martha Deed (her co-author and mother) presented a digital multimedia project, *Erevthon 2.0*, at the fourth & Now Conference on Innovative and Experimental Writing in Buffalo, N.Y., in October. My deepest sympathy goes out to Millie's family and friends.

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Our 15-year reunion brought us back to Butler Library for dinner in a first-floor room that many of us had never been in.

Maria Celis-Jeanseume enjoyed catching up with everyone. She lives in Eastchester, N.Y., with her husband, Vincent Jeanseume, and kids, Max (2) and Audrey (4), who had a blast at Camp Columbia and loved meeting all the other alumni kids. Maria works in the customs and international trade area of law with Neil Peterson, while her husband has successfully turned the United States into a viable traffic market with Sabatino Tartuffi.

Jamie Bennett last September moved to Washington, D.C., where he is director of public affairs for the National Endowment for the Arts. "I was with (Broadway producer and NEA chairman) Rocco Landesman in Chicago at events with Mayor [Richard] Daley and the Netherlands, the MacArthur Foundation, the Field Museum and the Museum of Contemporary Art, which is why I wasn't able to make it to reunion until Saturday night," he writes.

Jamie was thrilled to catch up with **Chad Levinson**, who is getting his Ph.D. in political science at the University of Chicago; **Aileen Love**, who landed a job for the next year at the Hospital for Special Surgery, before heading to Philadelphia for a job at Penn the following year; and **Sara Moss**, who is working on the Second Avenue subway project.

Jamie recently was in Providence with **Chris Strnad** and **Trina Vithayathil**, who was at Columbia's School of Public Health before going to Brown as a Ph.D. student, and their new son, Markose. Chris is the administrator for Family and Children's Services for the state of Rhode Island. He lives two blocks from **Juliet Bellow**; her husband, **Charlie Schulman**; and their daughter, **Nora** (3). Juliet, my Carman 10 suitemate, was at the reunion. She teaches art history at Armanica.

Brian Lang has been living in Paris for three years. "I originally was a derivative/collateralized debt obligation (CDO) trader (yes, everything that caused the crisis) for a Belgian bank. However, the bank had some issues, so now I am a lecturer in finance and economics at a couple of schools in Paris," he writes. "In other words, I teach the youth of France about the evils of communism. In English, no less."

Brian is training for his eighth Ironman race and 18th marathon. Last year, he ran one in Antarctica, and he will run one later in the year

in Greenland. He also started a small business, www.parisrunning.com.

Thanks to **Anna Lisa Raya**, also my classmate at the J-school, for a fruitful update.

She married Kevin Rivera in September 2008. A year later, they relocated from Los Angeles to Northern New Jersey, where Kevin accepted a new position with BMW North America.

"After having been an out-of-work magazine journalist for a little over a year — the last magazine where I worked had folded — I decided to switch careers," Anna Lisa writes. This fall, Anna Lisa will attend Rutgers' Master of Library and Information Science program and has been designated the American Library Association's Betty J. Turock Spectrum Scholar. She is a library assistant at the Ridgewood Public Library, near her home in Woodliff Lake.

"I became a journalist to serve the public; being a librarian seems to be a great new extension of this goal," she says.

Now that she's back on the East Coast, Anna Lisa gets to NYC and spends time with **Belén Aranda-Alvarado** and her husband, David Antonio '95; **Tatyana Tsinberg** and her fiancé, Tom Fahy; **Cesar Chavez '96** and his partner, Joseph Lavín; and **Daniel Cole '96** and his partner, Nick Grinder.

Belén is v.p. of audience development at the New York office of Urban Daddy. Previously, she was in online marketing at *The New York Times*. She and David were married last summer in Boston. They live in the Bronx with her daughter, Natalia (8). Tatyana is a marketing director at Pfizer, also in New York. She has a son, Nicolai (1), with her fiancé.

Anna Lisa keeps in touch with Los Angeles-based Columbia peeps, including **Ja Hernandez** and her husband, Jason Hashim, and **Cecilia Cabello '96**. Jase gave birth to her second child and is enjoying being a full-time mom to daughters Sierra and Marina; she also does a little consulting as a social worker from home.

"Everyone is doing wonderfully, career- and family-wise. Fifteen years later, and we all still reminisce about our crazy Columbia days like they were yesterday," Anna Lisa writes.

At the reunion, Anna Lisa also caught up with **Rocco Barone**, a senior sales representative for Boston Scientific who lives in Bayonne with his wife, Carolina, and their three kids. Vivian and **Newman Sund** live in Baltimore, where Newman is an ophthalmologist. They have a daughter, Hyadyn.

Sara Cross is directing and producing a feature documentary, *Manhattan Lullaby*, about Colony

Records, a family-owned business in Times Square since 1948. She produced a feature documentary that won a Peabody Award, *The Order of Myths*, about Moblie, Ala.'s racially segregated Mardi Gras. She lives in Park Slope with a beagle named Simone de Beauvoir.

Sara previously worked in TV and film, did a master's at Oxford and from 1999–2004 ran her own eco-friendly and socially-responsible clothing company called coolnot-cruel. "I had several celebrities wear my clothes: Eva Longoria (before she was really famous), Alicia Silverstone, Charlize Theron, Kathy Griffin, Lisa Kudrow and Bill Maher," Sara says.

Sara also worked on the Oscar-nominated documentary *Murderball*, co-directed by **Henry Alex Rubin**. Jeff Mandel '96, '03L, '03 Business was a producer. Henry is a commercial director with Smuggler (www.smuggler.site) and has directed national spots for major brands including Burger King, Walmart, AT&T and Microsoft, Sara writes.

Jennifer (Lew) Goldstone, who lives on the next block from me on West 96th Street, started a new job as a v.p. at SeaChange Capital Partners, a nonprofit that funds and raises money for nonprofits involved in education reform and youth development.

Jenn leads communications and marketing as a senior member of the high net-worth donor engagement team for "this new model of philanthropic investment inspired by private sector capital markets." She started her job 10 weeks after the birth of her second son, Charles William. She's now preparing for a half-marathon in October.

Jocelyn Liang Freilinger didn't make it to the reunion but nonetheless sent in an update. She finished a master's in landscape architecture at the University of Washington in 2007. She couldn't make the trip to the reunion because she was cramming for licensing exams the following week.

Jocelyn and her husband, Peter, moved to Edmonton, Alberta, a year ago after spending five years in Seattle. He is treasurer at ATB Financial, and she is looking for work "after spending the last few months getting familiar with Canadian bureaucracy."

Andy Tempest wrote that since his time at Columbia, "in Carman (202b with Rajiv Arya) and the Psi Upsilon fraternity house on 115th Street, I moved to Texas, moved to Tennessee, moved to Detroit, moved to New Jersey, got married (to Lynne ... we had a whole *My Big Fat Greek Wedding*-type of celebration. She's Greek, I'm the WASP-ish non-Greek), had triplets

(boys, Teddy and Will, and girl, Signe) and moved once again, this time to Rochester, N.Y."

Andy's triplets turned 3 in March. He said if he learned one lesson at Columbia, it was "take whatever comes your way in stride. Whether it was getting caught in the middle of two conflicting groups of protesters in the quad (that was fun) or getting grilled in L&R writing classes, you just keep going and learning. I can't wait to take my kids down to see the campus when they get a bit older."

Thanks to so many of you for these updates. See you at the 20th!

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Greetings, classmates! I'm thrilled to report that my desperate mass e-mail plea for notes brought about great results. Thanks to all of you who sent me news. I received so many replies that I am not able to put them all in this issue of CCT, but rest assured, if you don't see your notes this time around, you will see them in the next issue.

Charles Cho is the global head of credit flow trading at Bank of America Merrill Lynch. Charles played football at Columbia for a season and recently was profiled by *Investment Dealers' Digest*. The dealmaker, who has held various positions in credit trading at Credit Suisse and Morgan Stanley, said he loves the world of managing risk and interpreting how economic and political events influence the market.

Dorothy Cadet had her fourth child, Alexander, in February. She also wrote her first nonfiction book, *Laundry Can Wait*, published in April. Dorothy has spoken at several conferences and to women's groups and soon will host an online video channel. For more information or to contact Dorothy, go to www.DACBooks.com.

Jose Machuca is a partner at NOQCA Partners in Madrid, Spain. Jose joined NOQCA Partners in April 2008 from Corporación Caixa Galicia, where he was an associate. Prior to that, he was an investment analyst for Qualitas Equity Partners, a private equity firm, and earlier was a financial analyst with Goldman Sachs in New York, where he participated in several M&A, equity and debt transactions.

Scott Walker and his wife, Heather, recently purchased a home on Lake Valhalla in Montville, N.J., where they live with their boys (9, 6 and 4). Scott practices complex commercial litigation with an emphasis on structured credit products cases at Lowenstein Sandler in NYC and Roseland, N.J. Scott also is on the board of directors of the Columbia Club of Northern New Jersey, and he encourages Columbia alumni in the Northern New Jersey to come to one of the club's events and get involved (www.ccnj.org).

Adrianna Melnyk lives in Bronxville and recently started a job as v.p. of advancement (fundraising) at Maryknoll Lay Missionaries. The organization sends medical professionals, engineers, teachers, social workers and other professionals to sub-Saharan Africa, Asia and Latin America to work with poor communities. Adrianna writes that the work is fulfilling, and if any of you are interested in a 3½-year stint overseas, check out mkm.org or find the organization on Facebook.

An architect of multi-family, affordable housing projects, **Phuong Phan-McManama** lives in Bremer-ton, Wash., with her husband, Ed, and son, Evan (2). Her first photo exhibit, "Changing Landscapes," which includes landscapes and sights of the Pacific Northwest through the seasons and floral macro photography, was shown in June and July at Café Paloma in Seattle.

Julissa Ramos (née Villareal) lives in San Antonio, Texas, and has two children, Mia (3) and Luke (1). Julissa received a Ph.D. in biology from the University of Texas at San Antonio in 2005 and is a medical writer for KCI. Prior to that, she was a postdoctoral fellow at Howard University in Washington, D.C., and a special volunteer at the National Institute on Aging in Baltimore.

Klancy Miller moved back to New York City in 2006 and has

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Tejpaul Bhatia '00E and Erika Esposito were married in Cecina, Italy, in September 2009. Enjoying the Tuscan wedding were (left to right) Tara Gangadhar '00; Homin Lee '00, '04E, '09 GSAS; Ommeed Sathe '00; Bryan Carmel '00; Ronnie Roy '05L; Reshan Richards '00; Andrew Warshaw '00; Davinder Bhasin '76E; and David Torres '00E.

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been a director of constituent strategy for Columbia University Medical Center in the Office of Development. Klancy was in Paris from 2000-04 as a culinary student, pastry chef and recipe writer, and she keeps her food hat on these days through her blog, klancyspot luck.typepad.com. Klancy writes that Scott Eastman is a chef in Berkeley, Calif., and that Robin Shulman is a journalist and was in South Africa covering the World Cup. Klancy often runs into Eddie Griffin at CUMC; he received honors as a rising physician-scientist. Marcel Agueros will begin a professorship at Columbia this fall.

Rick Shuart has been living in Los Angeles and working for a private equity firm, Caltius Mezzanine, since 1999. Rick is getting married this fall to a native Angeleno. Congratulations, Rick! Rick lives in Venice Beach and would love to hear from classmates who find themselves in the area. He also is going to be involved with our 15th reunion committee and is looking forward to making it back to Morningside Heights Thursday June 2-Sunday, June 5. Rick writes that it is going to be a great event, and so he encourages everyone to get it on their calendars now.

Ravi Iyer also lives in Venice Beach, and after years in the dot-com world, he decided five years ago to seek a different career. Ravi will be finishing a Ph.D. in social psychology at USC next year. He blogs about his research at poli psych.com. People can participate in his research, which has to do with the intersection of moral and political attitudes, at yourmorals.org. Congratulations are also in order to Ravi, who is getting married in September.

Topher McGibbon recently celebrated the third "birthday" of Kid Car NY, a black car service in New York City with children's car seats in every vehicle. [Editor's

note: CCT profiled McGibbon in November/December 2007: www.college.columbia.edu/cct_archive/nov_dec07/updates5.php.]

After years of living in Italy, Costa Rica and (mostly) NYC, Kate Villa moved back to Vermont a few years ago. She is the director of development for ECHO Lake Aquarium and Science Center at the Leahy Center for Lake Champlain. Kate volunteers for too many good causes and is trying to learn how to garden, as she recently bought a house. Jay Park is an assistant attending pathologist at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in Manhattan and the associate director of the fellowship training program in the pathology department. Kay completed her fellowship training in oncologic surgical pathology in 2005 and stayed on staff. She recently had a boy (her first), Sydney Matthew Kaplan.

Hussein Rashid finished his Ph.D. in near Eastern languages and cultures at Harvard. He has been teaching at Hofstra and Reconstructionist Rabbinical College. Hussein also is an associate editor at *Religion Dispatches* (www.religiondispatches.org). You can contact him through Facebook or www.husseinarashid.com.

Tobi Molko is married with a child, Julian Kizner (1). Tobi works at Bank of America in the Equity Derivatives Group.

John Fitzgibbons is an associate in Sidley Austin's Los Angeles office; he has been there since finishing at Loyola Law School in 2005. John's focus is on cases involving accounting firms, and he also does antitrust work. John writes that his triplets, Jack, Ellie and Brady (2), are great and keep him and his wife, Julie, busy. His fellow Columbia golf alums, Rick Shuart and Dennis Chang '96E, played with Columbia's men's golf team during their spring break trip to California last March. They were joined by a

number of other alums, including former CU football players Marcus Wiley and Bobby Thomason.

Samantha Averbuck lives in Williamsburg, Brooklyn, and is a marketing director at Coty Beauty on a color cosmetics line, New York Color. Steven Kasow is a medical biller for an infertility clinic in Manhattan.

Nicholas Chremos attended the University of Texas School of Law, from which he graduated in 2000. Nick worked for Sematech, a consortium of the world's most innovative integrated circuit manufacturers. Nick writes that after a multi-year and highly rewarding career with Sematech, he returned to the University of Texas at Austin in 2008 to earn a degree in electrical engineering. He recently completed this degree and is seeking opportunities that will use both his legal skills and his technical knowledge.

Constantine Dimas sold out of the restaurant business two years ago and now is director of operations at the Loews Regency Hotel. He and his wife, Ana, live in Bronxville and have a son, Simos (4). Henry Tam Jr. and his wife, Lan, had a second child, Alexander. Henry left the Atlantic Media Co. in February, where he was vp. and managing director of digital product development. He co-founded a company, the American Learning Network, which partners with U.S.-based institutions to provide online and offline training to the China market.

Congratulations to Chris Holst, who succumbed to the urge to write himself in on primary and special Election Day and got a Certificate of Election to the position of Democratic Committeeperson in Upper Salford, Montgomery County, Pa., in the mail. Chris writes: "It seems that one vote was all it took. Ha!"

And on that amusing note, I leave you. A lot more news to report, but not enough space. Thanks to all of you. Hope you had a great summer!

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By the time you read this, it will be fall, so I'm giving you a homework assignment: Send an e-mail to your Class Notes secretary titled "What I did with my summer." That way, we'll be sure to have more notes for a future issue of CCT!

The only and yet exciting news I have to share is that Susanna Daniel writes that her first novel, *STILTSVILLE*, was published in hardcover on August 3 by Harper. Her husband and 2-year-old son are very excited about it. The novel is the story of a three-decade-long

marriage, set against a vivid South Florida background; it was called an "exquisite debut" by *Publishers Weekly*, and "lushly descriptive and complex" by *Booklist*. Visit www.susannadaniel.com.

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The summer was slow with CC '98 news, but via Facebook, I learned that Lori Meeks, an associate professor of religion and East Asian languages and cultures at the University of Southern California, published an academic book, *Hokkei and the Remembrance of Female Monastic Orders in Premodern Japan*, in April. She received glowing reviews from fellow scholars, one of whom said, "Her book should appeal to a wide variety of readers, including those interested in Buddhism, Japanese history, Japanese literature, and gender, and will establish her as a leading figure in the field of women and Buddhism and Japanese Buddhist history."

Congratulations, Lori!
Amol Sarva wrote in with more big news. Not only is his company, Peek (getpeek.com), responsible for *Time's* Gadget of the Year (now available on three continents) but he's also building a loft condo building in his beloved neighborhood of Long Island City, to be called East of East (eastofeast.com).

Amol asked if there is an official class Facebook page. There isn't an "official" one, but Suehyun Kim started one shortly after our 10th reunion called "Columbia College Class of '98." It has about 105 members as of this writing. It would be wonderful if more classmates joined. It's yet another way you can send me your updates!

Happy fall to all of you.

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Classmates, I'm sorry to report that it has been a moribund news cycle. Fortunately, Ben Schneider has stepped into the void with this felicitous announcement:

"I've spent years scanning the life updates and alumni trivia in Class Notes. Now I have one of my own to share: My wedding was May 30 to Stacy Kitis '01 Amherst, to whom I was introduced some years back by Martha Sparks '01 in Boston. The wedding was in the lovely Tower Grove Park in St. Louis (where Stacy is from). We live in Maryland, just outside

of D.C. I am a story writer in the video game industry, at Big Huge Games, and Stacy, after teaching high school English for four years, is earning an M.L.S."

And perennial Class Notes newsmaker **Daniel Alarcón** was featured as one of *The New Yorker's* "20 under 40" fiction writers. Yay!

That's all I got for you. Clearly I didn't go out of my way to dredge up any items of interest, but you should really be ashamed for continuing to ignore my desperate pleas. It's downright cruel. Consider: We're that age now where lots of you must have little kiddies running around. Or if you think to never have kids, don't you plan your classmates deserve to know? Or let's say you're dithering on the whole question; why not share your indecision with the readers of CCT? It could be cathartic, at the very least.

I hope everyone had a lovely summer!

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Afiya Jordan practices law in NYC and lives in Brooklyn. She walked in the Alumni Parade of Classes at Class Day this year as the only representative from our class and writes that she "was really there to see her mentee from the Columbia College Women's Mentoring Program graduate."

Tejpal Bhatia '06E and **Erika Esposito** were married in Tuscany on September 9, 2009. I'm told it was a gorgeous weekend. They live in Manhattan, where Tejpal recently launched a website, *RecreateMyNight.com*, under his startup, MediaVex. Erika works for RAI Corp., the U.S. subsidiary of RAI, the Italian television company. [See photo.]

Nadia Carter writes that her sister, **Nicole Carter**, was married on July 10 to Dr. Sadi Ozelge in Central Park. They traveled to Istanbul for their honeymoon. Nadia lives in New York City and works at Accenture.

Charles Saliba is still in China and reports that **Johnny-S** is getting married on October 10 to **Ethel Choi**, a fashion designer from Hong Kong.

Sander Cohan and his wife, **Katie**, welcomed a son, **Peter Connolly Cohan**, into the world at 4:11 p.m. on June 25. He weighed 7 lbs., 14 ozs., and measured 21 inches. Congratulations all!

It was wonderful to see so many of you at our 10-yearly Alumni Reunion Weekend, especially on the *Intrepid* and on campus. Congratulations to our class for having the largest 10-year reunion in Columbia history!

Some stats:

Whole weekend = 178 alumni, 260 people total

Thursday Class of 2000 reception = 62

Friday Class of 2000 CC and SEAS Reception = 128

Saturday Class of 2000 Decades BBQ = 57

Saturday Class of 2000 cocktails and dinner = 232

To everyone whom I caught up with at reunion, I'd love to include your updates in the next column. Please e-mail me!

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I hope everyone had a fantastic summer and that the fall is off to a great start. I'm sure the summer yielded many weddings. If you have news, please pass it along.

Julie Grinfeld married Dr. David Orbach '97 Cornell on May 30 at the Central Park Boathouse in Manhattan. Julie is the director of a private tutoring company, Learning for Life, and recently started a company called Brain-GO, which makes fun and educational games for kids. David teaches biology and bioengineering courses at Cooper Union and is its pre-medical adviser. They live on the Upper East Side. Some alumni in attendance at their wedding were **Christina Okereke**, **Sumathi Rajamanickam**, **Tania D'Alberth**, **Rajna Chaudhuri** '01E, '02E and **Jessica Barson** '00.

Rachel Goodman reports, "I've been living in the south and lost touch with a lot of my college friends through the years. I spent my first year at Hampden-Sydney College in Farmville, Va., as an assistant professor of biology. I love working closely with the undergrads here and getting them involved in field research and environmental and community service projects. My research focuses on ecology and conservation biology of reptiles and amphibians. My husband and I moved to Virginia after spending eight years in Tennessee (where I got an M.Sc. and Ph.D. at UT Knoxville) and are coming up on our seventh wedding anniversary in June. Maybe my update will inspire some old colleagues to look me up!"

Rhodie Island State Rep. David Segal recently announced his candidacy for Congress and quickly outpaced the presumed front-run-



Akhil Chopra '01 and **Camille DeLaite** '01 hosted a crew of Columbians at their May 2009 wedding in Columbia, Mo. Making the trip to the Midwest for the Hindu/Christian ceremony were (left to right) **Usman Tahir** '01, **Sejal Shah** '01, **Amy Kimpel** '01, **Namrata Tripathi** '01, **Elspeth Wilson** '01, **Rodman Williams** '01, the groom, the bride, **Cassia Mossell** '01, **Sofia Berger** '01, **Sheila Lavu** '01, **Krish Devidoss** '01 and **Gareth White** '02. **Barnard**, and (not pictured) **Lina Chopra Haldar** '03E and **Kavita Kumar Puri** '97.

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ner in raising online donations.

Using an online fundraising strategy modified from President Barack Obama '83's netroots campaign, David raised money from more than 1,000 mostly small-dollar contributors, totaling close to \$50,000 in just nine days.

David described his campaign as a grassroots effort, fueled by the energy, excitement and dollars of the state's progressive community. Read more about David's campaign at SegallforCongress.com.

Annie Lainer coincidentally sat next to **Miles Berger** at the rehearsal dinner of a mutual (non-Columbian) friend. Miles finished his M.D./Ph.D. at UCSF a year ago and is doing a residency in anesthesiology at Duke. He lives in Durham with his wife, **Miriam**. Annie recently started a new job at Public Counsel, a public interest law firm in Los Angeles.

Please keep in touch!

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When **Alec Borenstein** was at Columbia, he won the George William Curtis Prize for a speech he gave on the Quarterlife Crisis. Last month, he launched his life coaching practice targeted to men and women in their 20s and 30s dealing with the Quarterlife Crisis. The name of his new business is Great By 38, and his website is greatby38.com. I logged on and am sure many of you will be tempted, too, since many of us just reached or soon will reach the big 3-0!

Ellen Gustafson appeared on CNN *Money* with her business partner, **Lauren Bush**, discussing the success of their company, FEED, which has provided 56,311,140 (at

presstime) meals to hungry children. Visit www.feedprojects.com to learn more. [Editor's note: CCT profiled Gustafson in July/August 2008: www.college.columbia.edu/cct/jul_aug08/alumni_profiles.]

Rajan Bahl is doing an adult psychiatry residency at Massachusetts General/McLean Hospital and will be the chief resident of additions this coming year.

Nihal Godiwala recently graduated from medical school at Tulane in New Orleans. He and his wife, **Michelle**, who is a small-animal veterinarian, will move to New Haven, Conn., so Nihal can start his residency in pediatrics at Yale. He is looking forward to being back in the Northeast, just a quick Metro-North ride away from the Heights and CU campus. When he's not in scrubs or in his world-champion Saints black and gold, Nihal will be sure to wear as much light blue as possible up in ol' Eli's den.

Sara Velasquez continues to work in film, theatre, volunteerism and business development. After seven years in New Zealand, she is moving to do volunteer work in Indonesia and the Solomon Islands. Sara will be in Padang, West Sumatra, working in development with a local NGO until November. Afterward, she'll volunteer in development in the Solomon Islands with her partner, **Hassan**. Sara's first supporting act lead role in a New Zealand feature film (<http://ahistoryofmappmaking.com/>) will be released in 2011. [Editor's note: CCT profiled Velasquez in September/October 2007: www.college.columbia.edu/cct_archive/sep_oct07/updates3.php.]

David Chubak writes: "Jamie, Lindsay and I were overjoyed to welcome our second child, **Benjamin Alan**, on February 4. Benjamin is named after my grandfathers and role models, **Benjamin Chubak** and



Amalia Goldvaser '05 and Larry Manis '05 were married at the New York Botanical Garden in May. Joining them were Sandra Amari '06; John-Paul Bellistri '04; Sinan Biro '05E; David Boillot '05; Steven Canner '89L; Anya Cherneff '05; Molly Conley '10; Daniel Fastenberg '05, '11; Gary Gagliardi '05; Michael Goldberg '05, '11 Business; Ru Hockley '05; Adam Hussain '04; Courtney Johnson '05; Mira Kogen Resnick '04 GS; Kim Manis '09E; Neil Manis '84 TC; Rachel Paul '05; Kenneth Pollack '74 Pharmacy; Anne Rollins '05; Zachary Rose '05; Gabriel Rose '07; Jonathan Sellen '06; ManEui Song '05; Elizabeth Sovern '81 Barnard; Ezra Surowicz '06; and Evan Weiner '05.

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Alan Mandel, of blessed memory. Ben already has enjoyed meeting many new friends, including the many children of my roommates from the legendary suite 1002. We are hoping Ben will be a proud member of the Class of 2031!"

Julia Campins (née Wildorf) had a son, Silas Abraham, in February. Julia, Silas and her husband, Nick Campins '05L, have been spending some quality time with Patrick Gallagher '04 and his wife, Sarah Gallagher (née White) '04 Barnard, and their daughter, Maeve, who is two weeks younger than Silas. Patrick and Julia have been reliving the good old times from Shapiro 15, Spring 2001 edition, although they haven't yet gotten around to 7th Heaven marathons.

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Having lived in Beijing for the past year, life has obviously changed a great deal since I worked for alma mater. Nonetheless, Columbia has a strong presence in Beijing, so it is nice for Columbians living here to stay connected. In June, a number of administrators visited Beijing, including Dean of the College Michele Moody-Adams, Dean of Student Affairs Kevin Shollenberger, Senior Associate Dean of Student Affairs Kathryn Wittner, former Dean of

Alumni Affairs and Development Derek Wittner '65, and Malla Haridat and Courtney Murphy from the Center for Career Education.

Our class also has had its impact on nightlife here in Beijing: William (Bill) Isler's popular bar, Kokomo, has a great view of the city from the rooftop, and Don Lee's Bacon Bourbon Old Fashioned from PDT in New York City is on the menu at cocktail bar Apothecary. Let me know if you're ever in town so I can take you out to one of these hot spots. Now, on to news in the rest of the world...

Katori Hall continues to earn critical acclaim for her work, having recently won an Olivier Award for her play *The Mountaintop*. Also in the theater realm, **Lisa Pettersson** remains involved with the Scandinavian American Theater Co., which had a performance of *Miss Julie* in June.

Jacque Strycker writes: "I live in Greenpoint, Brooklyn, with my boyfriend and artistic collaborator, Samuel Sherman. We also share an art studio nearby. This spring, we received a grant from the Action Arts League to create *Yellow Brick Road*, a mini-golf hole that was part of the region's Pigment Mini-Golf Course on Governor's Island all summer. *Time Out New York* called it the "most inspired" golf course of the summer and mentioned our hole. I also work at the School of Visual Arts for its new M.F.A. Art Practice Program, and this fall, I'll teach a printmaking class at Columbia as an adjunct professor. I'm excited to be going back to Morningside Heights!"

Seth Wax writes, "I'll be spending the upcoming academic year in

Jerusalem for the third year of my program at Hebrew College Rabbinical School, which is a pluralistic rabbinical school in Newton, Mass."

Philip Chu was married in September 2009 to Flor.

Lindsay (Shirier) Bourkoff is "a financial adviser at Shrier Wealth Management in Beverly Hills (in my fourth year there) and really enjoying what I do. I have started a new area for our firm and manage 401k and other retirement plans for startups, entrepreneurs and mid-sized businesses. I advise the owners on selecting the best plans for their employees to maximize their benefits and contributions. My husband, **Natan Bourkoff**, and I recently celebrated our seventh wedding anniversary! We met our freshman year at Columbia and are still going strong."

Last, but certainly not last, congratulations to **Eleanor L. Coufos** on her success with the Young Alumni Fund this year; she has worked tirelessly on behalf of our class and recently assumed a new role as the Director of Annual Giving Programs in the Alumni Office.

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Greetings, fellow alumni!

I hope you're all doing well and settling into fall. Please send me any and all updates!

Congratulations to **David Molko**, who was promoted to senior producer at CNN International. He produces CNN's *International Desk*, anchored by Hala Gorani, the flagship newscast of CNN's Europe primetime programming, seen in 100-plus countries.

Congratulations also to **Judy Vale** and **Mike Rubin**, who were married on July 4 in Garrison, N.Y. It was a Columbia mini-reunion, with the following alums celebrating with the happy couple: Mary Amasia '04E, Rajesh Banik '04E, Tom Biegeleisen, Eric Chang '04E, Marisa Cohn '02 Barnard, Mark Franczyk, Joe Gaylor, Kentaro Kaji, Zoe Marcus, Fernando Martinez, Rae Neugarten, Kimberly Ong, Zach Rosner, Jon Steiner '04E, Sara Topik Sproncz '04 Barnard and Neil Vaishnav.

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Wasn't reunion fun? It was nice seeing many of you back on campus. I particularly enjoyed Professor Andrew Nathan's Contemporary

Civilization lecture, and my fiancée, **Leanne Lee**, who took one of his classes, introduced him to the audience. And the wine-tasting was a good time as well, although the extreme mugginess made me stick to the cold whites.

The class dinner was well attended and a great opportunity to catch up with old friends. Some people I saw in attendance throughout the night were Cedrick Mendez-Tolentino, Harmony Davis, Mike Camacho, Merry Boak, Sandy Huang, Stephanie Katsigianis, Michael Sin, Jeff Engler, Diana Benton, Amalia Goldvaser, Ravi Desai, Robert Gross, Anna Lee, Lizza Dwoskin and Anil Kumar. Unfortunately, I did not attend the party on the *Intrepid*, but I heard it was a blast.

Please send me your thoughts on reunion so I can add them to a future column.

Some notes:

Natasha Shapiro, who graduated from Albert Einstein College of Medicine in the beginning of June, started her pediatric residency at Yale. **Luis Saucedo** will also be in New Haven this fall, working toward an M.B.A. at Yale School of Management.

Anya Cherneff graduated in August with an M.A. in international human rights and concentrations in gender, human trafficking and international development, from the Josef Korbel School of International Studies at University of Denver.

Shifra Koyfman graduated from New Jersey Medical School in May and began her pediatric residency at Jacobi Medical Center in the Bronx. She lives on the Upper East Side.

Julia Stiles will be on 10 episodes of the Showtime hit series *Dexter* this fall. She will, according to a Showtime press release, play a "mysterious young woman who forms a unique relationship with Dexter" after his wife dies.

A birth announcement! **Caryn (Waterson) Gehrke** writes: "My husband, Martin '06E, and I welcomed our son, Martin Robert, into the world on April 29. He was born uptown at Columbia weighing 8 lbs., 9 oz. and measuring 21.5 inches."

Congrats!

And an '05 wedding! In May, **Amalia Goldvaser** and **Larry Manis** were married at the New York Botanical Garden. Alumni in attendance included David Boillot, Anya Cherneff, Daniel Fastenberg, Gary Gagliardi '06, Michael Goldberg, Ru Hockley, Courtney Johnson, Rachel Paul '05E, Anne Rollins '05E, Zachary Rose, ManEui Song '05E and Evan Weiner.

Congrats to Amalia and Larry!

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I hope everyone enjoyed the summer!

I'm pleased to share exciting news that **Jen Schmidman**, a New Orleans resident, took second place in the only business plan competition focused on improving education. Her Drop the Chalk product earned her \$15,000 in the Milken-Penn CSE Education Business Plan Competition. Drop the Chalk is web-based software that empowers teachers and principals to measure students' academic growth by providing an overall picture of what students know and what they still need to learn. It ranked second among 125 submissions from the United States, India, Taiwan and South Korea. For those of you in education, especially at charter schools, I encourage you to reach out to Jen to learn more about Drop the Chalk's progress.

Speaking of schools, many of our classmates are beginning, continuing or have recently graduated from school. **Teddy Diefenbach** was a game designer for Disney Online Studios this summer. He is going back to USC's School of Cinematic Arts in the fall to continue his M.F.A. in interactive media. **Alicia Harper** completed her first year of graduate school at Teachers College. She is expecting her Ed.M. in psychological counseling in May 2011. "In the meantime," she writes, "I'm enjoying motherhood (Aiden is 2½), and I created a blog for other young mothers and mothers in general, <http://momdelicious.blogspot.com>. Check it out!"

Jasmine Ting went to Taipei, Taiwan, to study Chinese intensively for a year. Now she will be attending the Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies at Johns Hopkins for an M.A. in international economics and China studies, but not before first attending its Hopkins Nanjing Program in Nanjing, China, this fall for another year in Asia.

Tova Katz and her husband, **Ithamar**, recently welcomed their first child, **Amiel David**. They left Manhattan this summer and moved to Boston, where Tova will pursue an M.A.B.A. **Andrew Lichtenberg** (aka Drebb) graduated from Georgetown University Law Center in May. He is planning to start

work at Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy in January. **Andrew Liebowitz** graduated from the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs at Syracuse with a master's in public administration. He accepted a job as economist with the Independent Budget Office of New York City and plans to relocate to Brooklyn or Queens.

As always, classmates are moving to all parts of the globe for work. Here's the latest on some of their whereabouts: **Megan Browder** swore in as a small enterprise development Peace Corps volunteer in Kenya on July 22. **Daniel Billings** has taken on an international assignment with Thomson Reuters in Hong Kong, managing public relations for the company's Markets Division across Asia Pacific. He writes, "I miss New York, but Hong Kong is the best place for my career right now; it feels like the center of a different universe. Classmates planning an East Asian adventure or coming through the city on business should say hi! Hongkings love to party and can show any jaded New Yorker a good time." **Thessaly La Force** left her job at *The New Yorker* in April to join *The Paris Review* as its first web editor.

And last, but certainly not least, here are updates from classmates closer to home: **Eva Colen** is on Teach For America's full-time staff. She moved to Richmond, Va., in June and transitioned to senior recruitment director, managing on-campus recruitment at the University of Virginia and the College of William & Mary, in addition to managing digital engagement and social media strategy for nationwide recruitment. **Sean Wilkes** writes, "After four years in the Army, I'm finally getting a break! I am in graduate school at Harvard, studying biology. It's only been a few weeks, but I'm enjoying it immensely. Spent my first week playing tourist, watching the Red Sox and touring breweries with my good friend and token New Englander, **Bob Wray**, and already met up with some local Columbia alumni thanks to the eminent **Sopheia Chau**, the regional chair of CCYA in Boston."

After working for Lehman Brothers upon graduation and two years as web producer at Scholastic Publishing, **Carly Miller** has moved from books into the world of news as an online strategic analyst at Fox News. **Jeremy Kotin** co-produced and co-edited (alongside producer **Jeff Mandel '96**, '03L, '03 Business and co-writer **Evan M. Wiener '96**) the feature film *Monogamy*, starring **Chris Messina** and **Rashida Jones**, which premiered at the Tribeca Film Festival in April and played the Seattle Film Festival in mid-



Ross Gabrielson '06, '12 Business and friends showed some Light Blue pride during his wedding to Elizabeth Ruddie in September 2009 near her home in Carversville, Pa. Waving the Columbia banner with him were (top row, left to right) Andrew Greenspan '77; Xing Wang '06; Benjamin Russell '05; Nicholas Jennings '06; the bride; the groom; Daniel Conception '06, '12 GSAS; Patricia Gordon '14 GSAS; Mansi Mehta '06 Barnard; Glibbuda Witham '06; Oren Shur '06; and Rachel Sherer '06; and (bottom row, left to right) Paasha Mahdavi '06; Marco Persico '06; Previn Chandraratna '97, '03 GSAS; Tyler Boyd '06 and Laurie Stricks '98 TC.

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June. Jeremy recently wrapped an electronic press kit for The Punch Brothers and another for jazz bassist Esperanza Spalding. He also completed work on a behind-the-scenes piece for Mountain Dew and a shoot for Gillette and directed the filming of a live performance for Gretchen Parlo.

Amanda Rose Smeier writes, "In addition to planning events for Marquee Nightclub (where I've worked literally since the day I finished finals after graduating a semester early) and the new Avenue Lounge in Chelsea, I'm also helping to open a new restaurant in the Columbia neighborhood! It's going to be called Mel's Burger Bar and I'm hoping to make it what The West End was back in our day ... We were slated to open at the end of August, and you can expect Mel's to be a big supporter of Columbia athletics and events! For more info, check out www.twitter.com/melsburgerbarny.

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I hope that everyone had a great summer!

As the fall approaches, many of our classmates are heading off to graduate school, starting new jobs and making some exciting announcements ...

Subash Iyer and **Helam Gebremariam** traveled through France, Italy and Spain this summer before returning to New York City. After

working for more than a year at the Small Business Administration in Washington, D.C., Subash is excited to move back to New York. He will start at NYU School of Law in the fall. Helam graduated from NYU Law this past May, and will begin a clerkship this fall with the Honorable Robert P. Patterson of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York. [Editor's note: See the feature "Young Lions in Washington," in the July/August '10 issue, which included Iyer: www.college.columbia.edu/cct/jul_aug10/features1.]

Becca Hartog writes, "I'm back from my Peace Corps service in Cameroon [since November], and began medical school at Emory in July."

Lenora Babb will leave her job as reservatist at West Village hotspot The Lion to start law school this fall at the University of Utah in Salt Lake City, where she plans to get in as much snowboarding as possible between classes.

Jessica Zen (nee Wong) shares, "I am sending you greetings from Cambridge, Mass. My husband and I recently moved here, and I will be starting business school at MIT Sloan this fall. We traveled to Los Angeles, Seattle and Alaska for a bit this summer."

Margaret Bryer writes, "Since January, I have been working on a research project on baboon behavior, assisting a CUNY Ph.D. student, in Cape Town, South Africa. Being here during the World Cup was a nice perk! I'm heading back to New York this fall to enter Hunter's master's program in anthropology."

Samantha Rotstein recently

Elizabeth Craig '07 Monitors Bird Breeding Activity

BY NATHALIE ALONSO '08

Every spring, Elizabeth Craig '07 island-hops between the off-limit islands within New York Harbor — but she's no trespasser.

As a research associate for New York City Audubon, Craig is granted access to 18 uninhabited islands that the organization has identified as potential nesting habitats for a variety of colonial water birds. The islands are scattered throughout the East River, Jamaica Bay, Lower New York Bay, Arthur Kill, Kill Van Kull, the Hutchinson River and Long Island Sound. Craig's mission is to survey the breeding activity of several bird species on each island.

"I do feel that I have the best job in New York," says Craig. "Since there is no longer human activity on these islands they have been reclaimed by nature. They truly are little wild patches within the city."

The solitude of the islands makes them appealing nesting grounds for herons, cormorants and gulls. Access to the islands is limited, not only to protect the sensitive habitats but also because dilapidated buildings and other structures pose potential dangers.

As leader of the NYC Audubon's Harbor Herons project, Craig counts and categorizes the nests, eggs and chicks on each island with the help of a research team composed of volunteers from several organizations, including NYC Audubon, and staff from the New York City Department of Parks and Recreation and the National Park Service. The task sometimes involves climbing trees. In 2009, nine of the islands showed evidence of ac-

tive nesting colonies.

Craig has worked closely with Dr. Susan Elbin, NYC Audubon's Director of Conservation, on the annual harbor surveys and other related projects.

"Liz doesn't usually view her research projects — or preparing for research, presentations or programs — as work," says Elbin. "She will get up in the middle of the night to be at a roost before first light; she'll learn how to captain a small boat in the busy New York Harbor; she'll volunteer to help colleagues collect data."

Elbin was employed by the Wildlife Trust, another nonprofit, when she agreed to mentor Craig for her senior thesis, for which they designed a project to determine the effects of a growing double-crested cormorant population on the New York Harbor ecosystem.

"Liz was excited about and truly enjoyed urban ecology — not wishing she were somewhere else more exotic," recalls Elbin.

Craig, from Mendham, N.J., has been interested in wildlife

since she was a child and was drawn to ornithology during her junior year of high school, when she participated in a semester-long environmental education program in Wiscasset, Maine, offered by the Chewonki Foundation.

"On Saturday mornings we had a bird identification class," says Craig. "We had to learn about more than 100 species before the end of the semester."

During her time in Maine, Craig also became involved with bird rehabilitation. She enjoyed the experience so much that she spent the following six summers working at The Raptor Trust, a wild bird rehabilitation center in Millington, N.J., where she dealt primarily with orphaned chicks of various species.

"For the most part, during the summer my job was to be a 'mother bird,'" says Craig, who adopted a female turtledove that was brought to The Raptor Trust one summer. "Depending on their age, some birds needed to be fed on the hour, every

two hours or every four hours up until the point where they could eat on their own."

Craig majored in ecology, evolution and environmental biology (E3B) and recently completed her second year of graduate school at Cornell, where she is pursuing a doctorate in zoology. She is writing her dissertation on the ways in which the winter fish diet of the cormorants that nest in New York Harbor affects their summer breeding success and hopes to embark on a career that will allow her to "have some impact on the management and conservation of these important species."

Craig chose to attend the College because of her high regard for Columbia's E3B program and to have access to institutions such as the American Museum of Natural History and the Bronx Zoo. She nonetheless believes an important part of her education took place not in the classroom but in Central Park, which she frequented to bird-watch.

"By the time I was a senior I was spending a couple of hours almost every day in the park walking around and writing down what I saw," she says. "That's really where I learned most of what I know."

To watch a documentary about and see a slide show of Craig's work, go to www.college.columbia.edu/cct.

Nathalie Alonso '08, from Queens, is a freelance journalist and an editorial producer of *LasMayores.com*, Major League Baseball's official Spanish language website.



Elizabeth Craig '07 banding an egret in order to track its activity.

completed her master's of real estate development from USC and is an architect.

Joseph Anzalone "recently got his girlfriend, Gillian DiPietro '07 Barnard, drunk while in Venice and tricked her into saying yes when he asked her to marry him. When the hangover faded, she decided to keep the ring. The

wedding will be sometime in 2011 (fingers crossed!)."

Avi Zenilman recently left Brooklyn and "is moving back into Savta's!"

Eric Bondadarsky shares that "Jakob Reich recently started a blog about the various interesting things he reads in magazines or on the Internet that he wants to

remember and share. Its highlights include posts about the World Cup, food and digital marketing, in which he is an expert. You can (and should!) check it out at <http://content-consumer.blogspot.com>."

Allison Mirkin writes, "Amalika Pinto married Ajay Sudan in February in Jaipur, India. Allie Mirkin, Clay Cordova, Shilo

Kawashima '07E, Ping Song, Vadim Avshalumov, Paul Tietz '08, Casey Levine, Nada Petrovic '06, Kori Gatta and John Estrada traveled to Jaipur for the three-day celebration. It was an incredible experience for everyone!"

Thank you again for all of the submissions, and have a great autumn!

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I hope everyone had a fabulous summer! Check out the latest Class Notes column, and let us know what you have been up to by e-mailing me.

Ingrid Scholze is moving to Chicago in September to begin law school at Chicago.

On Mother's Day, May 9, **Dalínez Martínez** married her high school sweetheart, **Eliu Lanzo**, at the Surf Club in New Rochelle, N.Y. **Laura Lee**, who came up from Virginia and as a surprise, brought a groom's cake in the shape of a boxing glove; **Nickisha Berlus**, who took a break from med school finals to come; **Meylin Mota '09** Barnard; and **Tiffany Tiburcio '10** Barnard were bridesmaids. Also in attendance were **Marcela Calidonio '06**, Dalí's roommate in Brazil in the SEE-U program, and **Sadia Collins '09**, Dalí's Art Hum buddy.

Scott Hughes is moving to Washington, D.C., to join the Carlyle Group as an associate. Before the big move, Scott finally took a well-earned vacation: "I'm bumming around Spain and Italy for a couple of weeks before I start, so it's nice getting a respite from the banking grind." It turns out that Scott was in Madrid to watch the World Cup final and celebrate the victory!

In April 2009, **Dan Haley** launched smallGRAND productions, a comedy video production company. SmallGRAND's videos have been featured on Gawker, Urlesque, Heavy.com, TheAptury.org and other irreverent pop culture sites. In addition to the videos he has written, Dan has produced videos written by **Abby Rosebrock**, **David Iscoe '09** and **Adam Nover '10E**. "Though a rising comedy video mogul, I am by day a media relations coordinator at North American Precis Syndicate, a public relations company in Midtown." Dan lives in Park Slope, Brooklyn.

Mark Clemente is director of marketing and communications for the New York Junior Tennis League.

Rachel Levenson is starting a Ph.D. in clinical psychology this fall at Ferkat Graduate School of Psychology, which is part of Yeshiva University.

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While the Class of 2009 has long dispersed across the globe, **Colin**

Felsman, Jordan Keenan, Ellen Kessel, Eric Hirsch, Alison Yang, Lauren Rennee and I returned to South Lawn in May to participate in the Alumni Parade of Classes on Class Day. It was a warm, sunny day that brought back fresh memories of our graduation as we celebrated the accomplishments of the Class of 2010. While we took a moment to remember the past, our class continues to push forth.

Since graduation, **Idara Udofia** has been working on an independent documentary about female professional basketball players in Senegal and how they revolutionize the female identity in that country. Last summer, Idara was in Dakar for preproduction, and she now is in Senegal working on production. Idara has even been able to train and travel with the team — doing just about everything with them except for playing in the tournaments. She reports that women's basketball is pretty exciting in Senegal, and it is actually preferred to men's basketball. You can check out Idara's blog (joyfulreproduction.blogspot.com) for details.

Amey Duffour is pursuing an MPhil in migration studies at Oxford. She recently completed her first year and was a summer research assistant for Oxford's Department of Politics and International Relations in London. Amey also conducted fieldwork for her dissertation, a project concerning how West African Pentecostal churches impact the local political involvement of a West African community in South London. Taking advantage of her new European location, she'll travel to Brussels, Paris and Tanzania before the end of the year.

Carla Baricz is looking forward to a break from New York City. For the past year, she has been an assistant editor for Trinity University Press, a part-time librarian and a graduate research assistant. This fall, she will move to New Haven to begin a dual Ph.D. in English literature and renaissance studies at Yale. Carla spent the summer in Bucharest, where she conducted research in the state archives and prepared another article for publication.

Annie Ma and Jacob Weaver have had an exciting 2010 so far! After researching behavioral economics at Columbia's Center for Decision Sciences, Annie joined Google's Enterprise Division in Mountain View, Calif. She is helping businesses Go Google, working on the Gmail product support team and occasionally supping with fellow Googler **Brendan Ballou**.

Jacob spent a few months commuting coast-to-coast every weekend while working for McKinsey, before joining the San Francisco-



A large Columbia contingent made the trek to Jaipur, India, in February for the three-day celebration of the wedding of Ambalika Pinto '07 and Ajay Sudan. Crossing oceans were (front row, left to right) Allison Mirkin '07, Shihko Kawashima '07E, Vadim Avshalumov '07, Alma Pinto, Alisa Crowell, Corey Crowell and Maria Tonia; and (back row, left to right) Clay Cordova '07, Nada Petrovic '05, Anmol Sinha, the bride, the groom, Danielle Mohney, Atish Nigam, Ambika Singh, Paul Tietz '08, Ping Song '07, David Flowerdew, Leanna Resseguie, John Rowan '01, Casey Levine '07, Phil Lee, Shreyas Vijaykumar, Eric Lee, Nishant Sinha, Hollis Kline, Akshat Ghiya and Vijay Sudan.

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based mutual fund Dodge & Cox in August. In their spare time, Jacob and Annie enjoy biking through San Francisco and looking for new places to Yelp.

After enjoying a year in California's sun-soaked weather, your class scribe (**Alidam Damoei**) will be returning east, braving the cold winters to study at Yale Law. I hope to focus my studies on the intersection of law and economics while also leaving myself open to pursue other areas of law that inspire me. Perhaps the greatest perk next year will be that I will be only a short train ride away from the city on Metro-North. I plan to make trips into New York to visit those of you who are still living in the Empire State of Mind. I hope these trips and occasional visits to College Walk will ensure that my loyalties do not stray too far away from our Lions.

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Whether you've been working, traveling, relaxing at home or looking for a job, I hope all of you have had a wonderful summer. Now, on to the news:

Tara Barrett will be in Ecuador for a year starting in August working with WorldTeach. If you happen to be in the area, she would love to see you!

Nicole Beach is heading to the West Coast for the next two years to work at a law firm. She is in the

process of looking for a place to live, so if anyone is going to be in San Francisco or has friends there, let her know!

Anthony Pasqua Jr. has returned to his native San Francisco Bay Area to work at Google in its Mountain View, Calif., headquarters. He will join Google's Global Online Advertising division, and he hopes one day to design a Google Doodle, a creative logo posted on google.com.

Valerie Sapozhnikova has trouble believing four years at Columbia have come to an end. It has been great, and she is thankful for everyone who made her college experience as wonderful as it was. This summer, she traveled to Italy and Russia, and she started a job in New York City at the end of July.

A big congratulations to the 2010 alumni who will be starting graduate school in the fall. **Natalie Gossett** will be attending Villanova Law and plans to focus on entertainment and intellectual property law.

Hieu Pham did a summer internship in public health in Gulu, Uganda, then began graduate school at Johns Hopkins in August.

Ben Freeman was an R.A. for Barnard's pre-college program during the summer and is heading to Harvard Law in the fall.

Gabriella Ripoll is excited to start NYU Law this fall. She spent the summer in New York City teaching the PSAT to kids.

In September, **Morgan Parker** will begin her studies as an M.F.A. candidate in poetry at NYU.

Thank you for sending in your notes, and please keep them coming!

Letters

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and disposed of relatively quickly. Mediocrity is often tolerated for far longer periods of time, either because administration does not perceive the defects, the individual involved is a pleasant and popular person or because change is difficult. In this case, the mediocre situation persisted for a six-year period, far longer than it should have.

Columbia cannot tolerate mediocrity in the coaches of its major sports programs. Considering the recruiting standards that Ivy League schools must impose, it is not possible to assure the success of a program merely through recruits. Therefore, the role that coaches play in determining the success of a program may be far greater than programs in which the recruits have such stunning talent that the success depends less upon excellent coaching. Administrative personnel must have the perception and the courage to analyze whether coaching excellence is present. It is not clear that that was the case in dealing with coach Jones.

Richard D. Kuhn '55, '58L
STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

I find it passing strange that your first major article in recent memory about team sports at Columbia is your apology, "Hoop Hopes, Coaching at Columbia" ["Within the Family," May/June].

I am a fairly diligent reader of your magazine, and the last article I remember about a major sport was your celebration some years ago of Columbia's Ivy League baseball championship. The fate of the team since that happy occasion is shrouded in mystery. There are minor stories of Ivy League championships in tennis and fencing, but these are sort of mentioned in passing. These items aside, perhaps it is my failing memory, but the only "sports" articles that I can remember in recent years were celebrations of outstanding individual athletes.

I think this is a very real failing in an otherwise excellent magazine. Many alumni are very interested in how all the teams do, even if the reading causes pain. Diligent coverage on your part might also help produce greater alumni support for the teams.

I urge you to report regularly on how all the teams are doing and to devote regular space to sports coverage.

Arthur Feder '49, '51L
NEW YORK CITY

Editor's note: The print schedule of a bimonthly magazine makes it impossible to provide up-to-date athletics coverage. In addition, we have a finite number of pages, and sports is only one of many areas of life at Columbia that need to be included. We provide sports news highlights in "Roar, Lion, Roar" in most issues, and print features and profiles as developments warrant. For the most complete coverage of Columbia athletics, log on to www.gocolumbians.com, the official Athletics website. Another option during the school year is www.columbiaspectator.com.

The Columbia Club

On page 9 of the May/June issue, there is a full-page advertisement for the newly renovated Columbia University Club at 15 W. 43rd St. The accompanying picture over the fireplace in the dining room appears to be Woodrow Wilson. If, by chance, the viewers can't see his relevance to Columbia, it's because the club is the Princeton Club of New York.

There was a Columbia Club in my time. It was located at 4 W. 43rd St., across from the Princeton Club, and had old but quite beautiful facilities including a large dining room, bar, grill, library, gym and squash courts, and about 75 bedrooms. The club invited seniors to tour the facilities and, of course, offered a minimal dues structure for us to join. At the bar for free drinks (the age of consent was 18), we were informed that if we received a traffic or parking ticket, we could amble up to the bar and find District Attorney Frank Hogan '24 and he would take care of it. Even at the tender age of 21 I didn't believe that, but considering that I had no prospects of a car it was OK. I used the club with pleasure a number of times and then went on active duty as a commissioned officer in the Army, during which time club dues were waived in the interest of patriotism. By the time I returned to New York City in the 1970s, the club had been sold to the World Unification Church.

So that was the Columbia Club. What is across the street is a very nice place for Princetonians, but it's not a real Columbia Club. Firstly, the Columbia Club is in residence at the Princeton Club (its official relationship), but that's not what the advertisements and mailings say. Secondly, except for a few pictures and a handful of mementos, everything

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Lerner Hall. An audience of more than 300 reunion-goers and singers' families filled every seat in the house. Glee Club alumni filed in to sing together once more: a Mozart, Orff, spirituals, folk songs, even a barbershop quartet. Plus College songs, of course.

And the sound! The sound of all those lovely lifted voices, male and female, ringing together off the walls! I lived a part of my life again that day when I sang the bass solo in "Set Down Servant," as I had nearly 50 years before, even though my breath escaped and my voice broke as the emotions grabbed my throat. I know I wasn't the only one feeling those emotions. I could see it in the faces and hear it in the voices.

ChorusAmerica, the choral trade association, has research showing that more adult Americans, 32 million of them, sing in choruses than participate in any other musical activity. That Columbia University Glee Club alumni across a span of nearly 60 years gathered to perform proved the point.

We made a CD of the performance, and listening to it afterward made me shake my head. These men and women had never sung together before. None of them had sung all the pieces on the program before. To sound as we

did after four hours of rehearsal was pretty amazing.

Our special times in the Glee Club pulled us to gather and sing. We swapped stories about concerts and tours that brought Columbia's name and Glee Clubbers to California, Puerto Rico, Canada and Europe. We spoke about the diminished place of today's Glee Club on campus and its accomplishments in coming back last year against difficult odds. That led us to discuss what alumni might do to help today's club prosper in the future. We've even started to talk about getting together to sing as a chorus of Columbia alumni.

We may have started something here.

For details on Glee Club alumni activities and/or to purchase the performance recording, visit www.cugcolumbians.com. If you did not receive e-mail messages about the Glee Club reunion performance and want to receive communications about alumni singing, send your name, school, class year and e-mail address to glee.club.alumni@columbia.edu.

Nicholas Rudd '64, '67 Business lives in Westport, Conn., and sings with the Greenwich Choral Society. He looks forward to singing again with a chorus of Columbia alumni.

hanging everywhere is about Princeton. My wife and I joined a number of years ago, and at the orientation for new members we received Princeton T-shirts — luckily I had a business friend who had gone there and who appreciated the re-gifting. We put up one of our daughters and her husband there overnight and she said this place is all about tigers, not lions.

So, why are there Harvard, Yale, Princeton and other college clubs in New York but no Columbia Club in the city where Columbians intone "Who owns New York?" is a mystery to me. Perhaps one day an old building could be found and a real club started again. Until then, the advertisements and mailings should say the truth: the Columbia Club in residence at the Princeton Club.

Jay R. Deutsch '66
NEW YORK CITY

Editor's note: Following is a response from the president of the Columbia University Club:

Mr. Deutsch's letter misses the mark.

Despite losing the clubhouse in the 1970s due to a falloff of members, many alumni believed there were benefits in providing a gathering place for Columbians. Today's cost of replicating the former club would exceed \$50 million. When the opportunity arose to create a special relationship with the Princeton Club, the directors took it. "In residence" affiliation has given Columbia's alumni the best approximation of what some remembered, working with another Ivy partner.

With more than 2,000 Columbia members and a renovated facility with much Columbiana, the Columbia Club is flourishing and welcomes inquiries from all Columbia alumni, including Mr. Deutsch.

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Hark! The Glee Club Alumni Sing

BY NICHOLAS RUDD '64, '67 BUSINESS

For some of us, that special time was team sports or the arts, a compelling professor, student organizations or perhaps a close-knit group of classmates — that certain space of energy and devoted commitment that comes to mind when one thinks of the College each of us experienced in our time.

For me, it was the Columbia Glee Club in the early 1960s: a large, well-respected, all-male collegiate chorus that was the first college group to perform in Philharmonic (now Avery Fisher) Hall at Lincoln Center, received write-ups in *The New York Times* and brought Columbia's name to high school kids in Westchester and alumni in the Midwest. I found joy in blending my voice with dozens of others, learning new music, making lifelong friends and having experiences I talk about to this day.

When I discovered that by the 2008-09 academic year the Glee Club had essentially faded away after several years of decline, I was forcefully reminded that things change. A part of Columbia that had been especially important to me was no longer there.



Nearly 100 Glee Club alumni from as far back as 1952 gathered to sing in Roone Arledge Auditorium during Alumni Reunion Weekend/Dean's Day 2010. To see a larger version of this photo, go to www.college.columbia.edu/cct.

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Working with the Student Development and Activities Office and a handful of alumni from my era, some dedicated, motivated students revived the Glee Club in 2009-10 and sang at December's Tree-Lighting, put on the traditional Spring Concert on campus in April and performed "Stand, Columbia" at Commencement.

But what about the future?

When I attended my class' 45th Alumni Reunion Weekend in 2009, I noted gatherings of alumni who had been on the *Spectator* staff or part of WKCR. These relatively new "vertical" receptions were an effort by the Alumni Office to reconnect alumni with each other and with Columbia through "affinity groups," ongoing collectives of shared interest and activities.

The near-disappearance of the Glee Club suggested that its alumni were not aware of how much things had changed. Getting them together seemed to me like a good place to start. Other former Glee Clubbers, like Michael Garrett '66, also thought a Glee Club affinity reception would be a good thing and had begun talking about having one. Former Dean of Alumni Affairs and Development Derek Wither '65 and Executive Director of Alumni Affairs Ken Catandella agreed. In 2010, Alumni Reunion Weekend/Dean's Day would, for the first time, include an affinity reception for singers, open to anyone who had sung in any group while at Columbia.

Until then, affinity reunions had been planned as two-hour wine and cheese receptions on Saturday, between post-lunch class sessions and dinners. But Glee Club people sing!

So was born the notion of a performance by Glee Club alumni, preceded by enough rehearsal time to avoid undue embarrassment. We would sing for everyone attending reunion/Dean's Day, or at least everyone who cared to listen. As it happened, no other singing group alumni organized to perform.

Fortunately, Jerry Weale '57 and Bruce Trinkley '66, both Glee Club alumni concerned with the club's near-demise, had gone on from being associate directors of the Glee Club to distinguished careers as choral directors at Boston University and Penn State, respectively. Bruce had even led the Columbia Glee Club for a year.

They took on a daunting musical challenge: We don't know who's coming. We don't know what shape their voices are in. We don't know the balance of voice parts we'll have. We don't know the acoustics of the room where we'll be singing. We want to put on a program both singers and audience will enjoy, but we only

have 3½-4 hours for rehearsal across two days, and not all singers will be at both rehearsals. Now, what shall we sing?

Meanwhile, we needed to find some singers. Older alumni may remember how the yearbook included photos of various student organizations and identified participants by name. That practice stopped around 1970, with only occasional returns to that norm since. The Alumni Office had tagged some names in the University alumni database with activity codes, but the list was incomplete.

That realization kicked off several months of effort to identify 40 years of missing Glee Club alumni and to get their e-mail addresses. Efforts included days in the University Archives/Columbia files (now part of the Rare Book and Manuscript Library), digging through concert programs and setting up a Facebook page. By reunion, we had identified more than 950 members, with more still to be found. But at least we had a start.

Over the course of the weekend, nearly 100 Glee Club alumni, representing College, SEAS, GS and Barnard classes from 1952-2010, showed up to rehearse, socialize and sing. A few days before the event, registrations exceeded room size and the performance was moved to the Roone Arledge Auditorium in Alfred

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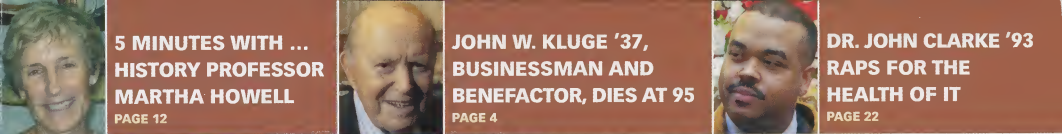
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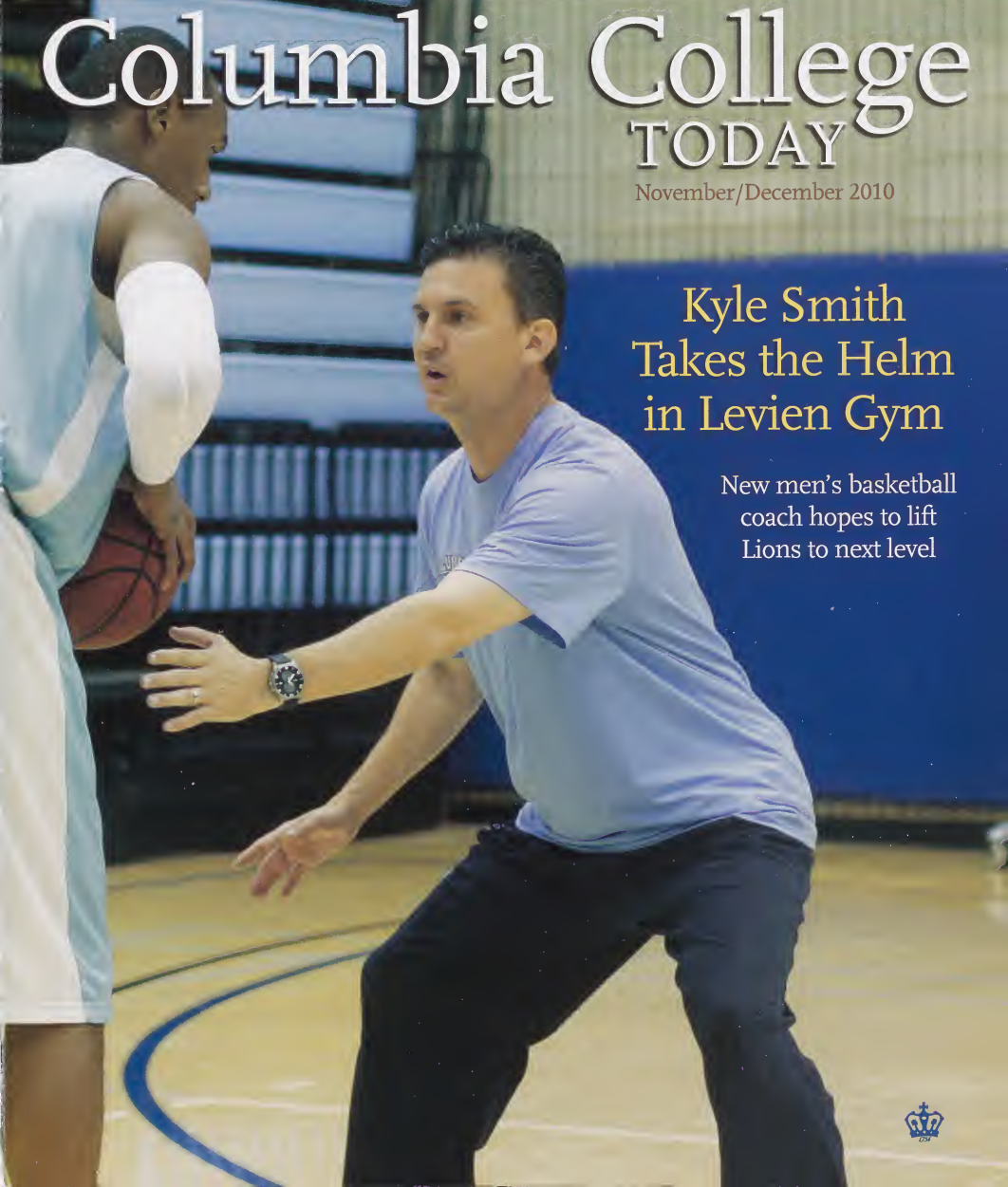
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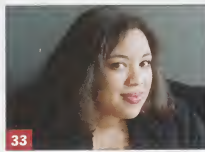
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Letters to the Editor

John W. Kluge '37

"... the tears just froze"

I was sitting in my office. It was a slow Thursday, Rosh Hashanah, and my colleague Anna Jim '84 Barnard called over to me, "Did you hear that John Kluge died?" Just then, the sky became a bit darker. All of a sudden the world was a little poorer, sadder. Then, almost on cue, the latest copy of CCT [September/October] landed on my desk. As I read about Kluge, his early trials, his spunk, his integrity, his many contributions, his love for Columbia and for his guardian Gracia DaRatt, my own tears started to well up.

Thanks to John Kluge Jr. '05, Rose Kernochan '82 Barnard and to CCT for the fine tribute to a great man.

Eric Dannemann '67
NEW CANAAN, CONN.

Glee Club

I read with great interest and mixed emotions Nicholas Rudd '64, '67 Business' article on the Glee Club in "Alumni Corner" [September/October]. I am a Glee Club alumnus, and I look back with pride at the quality of our music-making during my time with the club, including the opportunity to sing with both the Notes and Keys and the Blue Notes. Being one who tends to keep programs and mementos from musical events, I find myself looking back at our 90th anniversary national tour in spring 1963, which took us, across a three-week period, to 10 states from New York to Colorado and ended with a concert at Lincoln Center on April 26.

I was saddened to learn of the club's near-demise and heartened by its recent renaissance. I hope that the Glee Club returns to its former state so that future classes can be provided the musical opportunities that I feel fortunate to have been offered.

Peter Smith '65
SHARON, MASS.

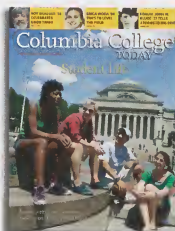
This antique Glee Clubber really appreciated Nicholas Rudd '64, '67 Business' article in CCT about our recent get-together. The Glee Club was the center of my Columbia life in the '50s, and I was the next-to-oldest of the many participants at the reunion performance. It was especially challenging for me, because even though I had sung much

of the music way back when, I was a first tenor in those days. I'm a bass-baritone today, so even the familiar was unfamiliar. The bottom line is that it was a thrill to get together with so many Glee Clubbers from so many years to prepare and deliver a demanding program. It was a thrill to sing with, among others, my brother Elliott '60. My sincere thanks to Nick and all the others who made this terrific event happen, including my old buddy Jerry Weale '57; I can remember how excited the CUGC leadership was when this red-headed superb musician showed up as a new recruit. He never disappointed us!

A few regrets: I really missed the Glee Clubbers from '55 and surrounding years; it

would have been great to have seen more of them. I especially missed Aaron Preiser '55, '56E, no longer of this world. And I wish that I, like Nick, might have been able to sing my old solo (in *There is a Balm in Gilead*). Sadly, bass-baritones can't come close to the tenor notes it requires.

Stu Kaback '55, '56 GSAS,
'60 GSAS
CRANFORD, N.J.



Mel's Gold Rail?

I live in Morningside Heights and have watched with interest the construction of Mel's Burger Bar on Broadway between West 110th and 111th Streets. As it neared completion, I looked in and had a sudden realization — Mel's is the reincarnation of The Gold Rail.

The Gold Rail closed when I was a sophomore, in 1978. It and The West End were the anchor student bars on Broadway at the time. The Gold Rail had cheap pitchers of beer, burgers and enormous French fries — all back in the day when the drinking age was 18.

Mel's sits in the Rail's former location on Broadway and has the same layout — bar on the right, tables on the left, stairs down to the restrooms in the back. (There always was great graffiti in the men's room, from the trite "eschew obfuscation" to the sad "doesn't anybody remember Peter Honerkamp?") It is with a strong sense of déjà vu that I peered through the windows.

The Gold Rail folded in the economic depths of the late 1970s. I am taking the view that the Rail's ghostly reappearance

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WITHIN THE FAMILY

A Lasting Legacy

John W. Kluge '37's approach to philanthropy was summed up in a quote that appeared in an article CCT published shortly after Columbia celebrated his 90th birthday with a dinner in his honor in Low Rotunda on October 1, 2004 (college.columbia.edu/cct_archive/nov04).

"I'd rather by far invest in people than buildings," said Kluge, who died on September 7 at 95 (see page 4). "If I can help a person to improve his or her mind, that will pass on to their children and to their children's children."

Clearly, Kluge, who rose from poverty to become the richest man in America at one time, was a man without an edifice complex. His legacy is not bricks and mortar; while he was Columbia's greatest benefactor, no building on campus bears his name.

Kluge's legacy is the hundreds of men and women who have attended Columbia since 1987 as Kluge Scholars, many of whom might not have made it to Morningside Heights were it not for his generosity. In addition to receiving financial aid, Kluge Scholars participate in special programming designed to create an atmosphere in which they can flourish academically, develop their talents and assume leadership roles. Many have become doctors, lawyers and educators; one, Daniel Alarcón '99, is a prominent writer whose work may be found in the "Columbia Forum" department in this issue; another, Benjamin Jealous '94, is president of the NAACP.

"Why limit the dream to what your life expectancy is?" Kluge once asked. "I would hate to think we have the final authority."

On April 11, 2007, Kluge further assured that his dream, his vision, would live on by pledging \$400 million to Columbia for financial aid — half for the College, half for certain graduate schools — to be distributed after his passing. It is the largest gift ever made to financial aid in the history of American education, and it's a gift whose



rewards will be realized for many years to come in the deeds of the men and women who will benefit from it. Some of the money is being used in fund-raising matches, so the total impact of Kluge's final gift will significantly exceed the pledged \$400 million.

"To me, philanthropy comes naturally," Kluge said in that CCT story six years ago. "I know that when you pass out of this picture, you don't take anything with you. With the sands of time, we make very little difference, but what difference we can make we should try to make."

One of my favorite Kluge stories was retold in the excellent *New York Times* obituary by Marilyn Berger that was published on September 8. It seems that one of the ways Kluge earned pocket money during his College years was by beating classmates in poker. This caught the attention of the dean of the College, Herbert E. Hawkes, who called Kluge into his office and warned him he was in danger of losing his scholarship. "I told him, 'Dean, you will never catch me gambling again,'" Kluge later recalled, "and it was then that I realized the dean didn't understand the English language. I had told him he'd never catch me gambling again."

Kluge took his penchant for gam-

bling into business, where his starting philosophy was, "When you have nothing, why not take a risk?" He was best known for growing some local radio and television stations into Metromedia, the nation's first major independent broadcasting company. In 1984 he took Metromedia private in a leveraged buyout, and shortly afterward he sold the seven TV stations for more than \$2 billion to Rupert Murdoch, who was expanding his global communications empire by forming the FOX Network.

Kluge remained involved in business but increasingly turned to philanthropy. In addition to Columbia, other beneficiaries of Kluge's generosity included the Library of Congress and the University of Virginia.

Kluge never sought the limelight and did not employ public relations officers. "I think a great deal of publicity becomes an obstacle," he said. "I'd love to be in the woodwork all my life. I enjoy it when I know who the other people are and they don't know who I am."

But Kluge knew how to enjoy life. He had homes in Virginia, Florida, New Rochelle, N.Y., and the south of France and an apartment in New York City, moving between them by private airplane or helicopter. "If I like something, I buy it," he once said.

Kluge's story is a remarkable one. Thankfully, he told much of it in his own words in a book, *John Kluge: Stories*, written and edited by his son, John Jr. '05. The book was published last year and excerpted in the September/October 2010 issue of CCT (college.columbia.edu/cct/sep_oct10). The cover of the book displays many Kluge quotes, leading off with "What difference you can make, you should try to make." Kluge certainly lived up to that aspiration.

CCT is contacting some Kluge Scholars for a tribute that will appear in a future issue.

Adrienne Seabare

AROUND THE QUADS

John W. Kluge '37 Dies at 95; Columbia's Leading Benefactor

BY LISA PALLADINO

John W. Kluge '37, the billionaire businessman who was Columbia's most generous benefactor and the founder of the Kluge Scholars Program, died on September 7 at his home outside Charlottesville, Va. He was 95.

Kluge was born Johannes Kluge on September 21, 1914, in Chemnitz, Germany. His father died in WWI, and after his mother remarried, Kluge was brought to America in 1922 by his German-American stepfather, Oswald Leitert, to live in Detroit. When Kluge was 10, Leitert put him to work as a payroll clerk in the family contracting business. But Kluge was focused on education and left home at 14 when his stepfather said he would not pay for further schooling. Kluge went to live with his typing teacher, Gracia Gray DaRatt, whom he considered his mentor. Kluge completed secondary schooling and then attended Detroit City College, later renamed Wayne State University. He transferred to the College, from which he earned a degree in economics, after he was offered a full scholarship and living expenses.

"If it hadn't been for Columbia, my path would have been entirely different in life," Kluge said at a celebration of his 90th birthday in Low Library. "Columbia gave me an opportunity, and the only way you can really repay that opportunity is for you to help someone else."

Kluge, the longtime chairman and president of Metromedia, made a \$400 million pledge to the University in 2007, the largest gift ever devoted to student financial aid. The donation provided \$200 million in financial aid endowment for undergraduates at the College and \$200 million for CSAS, the School of the Arts, the Journalism School and SIPA. It has been used in part to create matching programs, prompting millions in additional



donations from alumni and friends. That gift brought Kluge's philanthropy to Columbia to more than \$500 million, including money for the Kluge Scholars Program, which provides financial aid and programming to high-ability students from underrepresented populations; the Kluge Presidential Scholars; the Kluge Faculty Endowment; and other programs.

"I want to help ensure that Columbia will always be a place where the best and the brightest young people can come to develop their intellect, make something of their own lives and give something back to our communities, our country and our world," Kluge said.

Kluge often spoke fondly about his time at Columbia, saying that thanks to odd jobs and poker games with classmates, he arrived with \$15 and left with \$7,000. Joking aside, he cited his time at the College as a formative intellectual experience and credited lessons learned from professors and figures such as former University president Nicholas Murray Butler (Class of 1882). A number of anecdotes about Kluge's time at the College, in his own words, are included in the 2009 book *John Kluge: Stories*. The

collection was compiled by his son John Jr. '05 and excerpted in CCT's September/October "Columbia Forum" department (college.columbia.edu/cct/sep_oct10).

Following graduation, Kluge worked at a printing company in Detroit. During WWII he served in Army intelligence in the Aleutian Islands. He then ran a food-distribution company and next turned to broadcasting. In 1946, Kluge used his Army discharge money to buy his first radio station, WGAY in Silver Spring, Md., with a partner. He continued to buy and sell stations and invested in what became the Baltimore-based food wholesaler Kluge, Finkelstein and Co. In the 1950s, Kluge acquired radio stations in St. Louis, Dallas, Fort Worth, Buffalo, Tulsa, Nashville, Pittsburgh and Orlando. He also invested in real estate and expanded the New England Fritos Corp., which he had founded in 1947 to distribute Fritos and Cheetos in the Northeast. He added Fleischmann's yeast, Blue Bonnet margarine and Wrigley's chewing gum to the distribution network. Working with David Finkelstein, Kluge augmented his fortune by distributing the products of companies such as General Foods and Coca-Cola to supermarket chains.

The most satisfying day in his life, Kluge said, according to *The New York Times*, was the day Barney Balaban of Paramount told him, "Young man, you bring me \$4 million and you'll be able to have the Paramount stock in the Metropolitan Broadcasting Company."

With that \$4 million, Kluge got into the television business as chief executive of Metropolitan, which consisted of two stations — WNEW in New York and WTTC in Washington, D.C. — and two radio stations. He renamed the company Metromedia in 1961 because he intended to expand

it beyond broadcasting.

Kluge had no patience for those he called "self-important corporation types cut out of the same cookie cutter" who tended to play it safe. He often took Wall Street by surprise, but as financial analyst Allen J. Gottesman said in 1986: "Whatever he does works out real well. You always assume there was a good reason, and you usually find out later that it was a good move."

"I love the work because it taxes your mind," Kluge said in an interview with the *Times*. "Years ago, I could have taken a few million dollars and joined the country club and gotten into this pattern of complaining about the world and about the tax law."

Instead, Kluge grew Metromedia, the nation's first major independent broadcasting entity, into a conglomerate that included seven television stations, 14 radio stations, outdoor advertising, the Harlem Globetrotters, the Ice Capades, radio paging and mobile telephones as well as syndicated rights to television shows and movies.

Kluge made his first billion in 1984, when he took Metromedia private in a \$1.1 billion leveraged buyout and then liquidated the company, more than tripling his take. He sold the television stations for more than \$2 billion to Rupert Murdoch, who was expanding his communications empire and forming the FOX Network.

Kluge's sale of 11 radio stations brought close to \$290 million. The outdoor advertising business went for \$710 million. The Harlem Globetrotters and the Ice Capades, which together cost the company \$6 million, brought \$30 million. Kluge topped the Forbes 400 list of wealthiest Americans from 1989 to 1991.

Upon selling his television interests, Kluge remained a businessman but increasingly turned his attention to philanthropy. He founded the John Kluge Scholars Program in 1987 to enable high-achieving students to attend the College by providing them with financial support and programming to help them flourish academically and develop fully their individual talents. The program has evolved and grown, with additional support from Kluge, so that there is now a steady cohort of approximately 200 scholars in residence at any one time.

Columbia President Lee C. Bollinger recalled that Kluge "had a fresh and firsthand understanding of the catalytic effect a Columbia education could have on a young person's life, as it did on his own. He was determined to ensure as many students as



Kluge accepts a framed class banner from Kluge Scholars Jessica Perez '06 and Reginald Gossett '06 at his 90th birthday celebration in Low Rotunda on October 1, 2004.

PHOTOS: EILEEN BARROSO

possible could benefit, as he did, from this kind of educational opportunity."

The College recognized Kluge with a John Jay Award for distinguished professional achievement in 1982 and the Alexander Hamilton Medal, its highest honor, in 1991. He was presented an honorary doctorate from the University in 1988 and was an Alumni Medalist in 2004.

"John Kluge was a towering figure whose commitment to Columbia and to higher education sets a standard for us all," said Dean Michele Moody-Adams. "He will be dearly missed, even as we continue to benefit from his generosity

and his devotion to Columbia and Columbia students."

Many institutions and charities have benefitted from Kluge's philanthropy. He contributed to the restoration of Ellis Island and in 2000 gave \$73 million to the Library of Congress, which established the Kluge Prize for the Study of Humanities.

In an obituary published on September 8, the *Times* noted that Kluge acknowledged that he had been ruled by his ambitions and traced them to the struggles of his boyhood. He recalled a conversation he had with friends in college about their aspirations. "One fellow said he wanted to be a lawyer, another a doctor," he said. "I said one thing—that the only reason I wanted money was that I was always afraid of being a charity case and of being a ward someplace. That's what really drove me all my life."

In addition to his son John, Kluge is survived by his fourth wife, Maria "Tussi" Kuttner; daughter, Samantha; stepchildren, Joseph Brad Kluge, whom he adopted, and Diane Townsend Zeier, Jeannette Townsend Brophy and Peter Townsend; and a grandson.

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Austin E. Quigley Theatre Dedicated

Dean of the College Emeritus Austin E. Quigley was honored on September 13 with the renaming of Alfred Lerner Hall's Black Box Theatre as the Austin E. Quigley Theatre. Quigley, the Brander Matthews Professor of Dramatic Literature, was the dean for 14 years, the second-longest tenure in the College's history, before stepping down in 2009. He is an expert on the works of playwright Harold Pinter and was instrumental in

expanding and enhancing Columbia's theatre program while holding the deanship.

On hand to honor Quigley was Dean of the Faculty and E.V.P. for Arts and Sciences Nicholas Dirks, who welcomed the guests by noting of Quigley, "His academic interests fed into one of his great passions — to advance theatre at Columbia." Since coming to Columbia in 1990, Quigley founded the undergraduate major in drama and theatre arts, revived the doctoral program in theatre studies and helped reinvigorate the M.F.A. program in theatre at the School of the Arts.

Quigley, who was joined by his wife, Patricia Denison, and their daughter Catherine, also was praised by Dean Michele Moody-Adams, who said that the renaming of the theater "recognizes Austin's devotion to the humanized so-

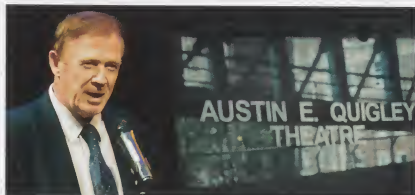
ciety ... and reaffirms the value of Lerner Hall to our community."

Rita Pietropinto-Kitt '93, an actress and a theatre professor at Barnard, and Thomas Kitt '96, a Pulitzer Prize and Tony Award-winning composer (*Next to Normal*), paid tribute to Quigley. Both were active in theatre as students and noted how Quigley's contributions were important for "making arts at Columbia University a priority," as Pietropinto-Kitt noted.

Quigley said that he thought of the renaming "as an honor for all faculty, alumni, students and administrators. The theater will be a resource for our students ... it is an empty box wherein you can see anything, do anything, in any way you like. There is freedom in this space." He then joked, "As long as the door is closed and the dean doesn't see you!" Quigley then said, on a more serious note, "My childhood, my teaching life, my professional life, all have led to this. Thank you."

The evening closed with a skit from the 116th *Varsity Show*, performed by four students from its cast.

Lisa Palladino



Austin E. Quigley speaks at the dedication of the Lerner Hall Black Box Theatre in his honor.

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ALUMNI IN THE NEWS

■ The College has been all over the silver screen this fall. **Anna Boden '02** teamed up with Ryan Fleck to direct *It's Kind of a Funny Story*, which is about a suicidal teenager who checks into an adult psychiatric ward where he meets bizarre characters, learns life-lessons and even finds love. Another teen comedy, directed and distributed by **Linda Appel Lipsius '93** and her husband, shows that a small independent movie can still make waves. Their film, *Smash*, starring Lindsey Shaw of *10 Things I Hate About You*, tells the story of a tennis champion who suffers an injury that keeps her out of the game but brings romance in the form of Chandler Massey of *Days of Our Lives*. James Franco played the iconoclastic **Allen Ginsberg '48** in *Howl*, a biopic of the Beat poet that focused on the obscenity trial waged over his masterpiece about gay love, drugs and disillusionment. George Clooney will direct *Fargat North*, a political drama adapted from the play written by **Beau Willimon '99**, '03 Arts. *CCT* profiled Willimon in May/June '09, soon after the play came out: college.columbia.edu/cct/may_jun09.

■ **Tristan Perich '04** has reduced music to its bare minimum. His *1-Bit Music* features a CD case containing not a CD but an electronic circuit that plays a five-movement symphony specially written in one-bit pro-

gramming code. *The Wall Street Journal* reports that these robotic sounds have "an intense, hypnotic force and a surprising emotional depth." Perich is an experimental musician as well as a visual artist who has had solo exhibitions in New York, Copenhagen and Spoleto. He received the Prix Ars Electronica in 2009 and will be featured at Sonar 2010 in Barcelona. He also has produced *Machine Drawings* and *1-Bit Video*.

■ Alexandria Marzano-Lesnevich '01

has been awarded The 2010 Rona Jaffe Foundation Writer's Award for woman writers of exceptional talent in the early stages of their career. Marzano-Lesnevich plans to use the \$25,000 award to take the time to finish her first book, *Any One Of Us*, described by the foundation as a "personal narrative that combines memoir with an inquiry into a murder and a murder's past." She draws on her personal trauma and professional experience as a Harvard Law student defending murderers and a sex offender in Louisiana.



Alexandria Marzano-Lesnevich '01

■ **Brandon Kessler '96**, '07 Business' Internet startup is proving that economic crisis and economic opportunity may be synonymous, according to an article in *Crain's New*

York Business. His company, ChallengePost (challengepost.com), is an online marketplace where users can post challenges and pledge money to motivate one another to solve problems. Kessler previously founded a record label, Messenger Records, which he launched as a senior at the College. According to *Crain's*, ChallengePost already has raised \$775,000 and is nearing an institutional round of funding worth "several million dollars."

■ The Republican Party's hottest trendsetter, **Meghan McCain '07**, was featured in an extensive profile in *The New York Times* Style section in September. In an interview conducted near her Arizona home, McCain dished about her new book, *Dirty Sexy Politics*, her blogging and how she thinks young people can become more connected to the political process. Her first attempts as a blogger, writing about her father's unsuccessful run for President, were met with hostility by some readers but McCain says she has learned from her mistakes and now is a tweeter with 86,000 followers as well as a featured writer for *The Daily Beast*. The next step for her growing media empire may be television, according to the article.

Att'l Viragh '12 GS

College Offers New Major in Sustainable Development

Beginning this year, graduates of the College have another option to develop dynamic tools that will not only help them get jobs but also will help the planet stay green.

Partnering with the Earth Institute at Columbia, the College now offers a degree in sustainable development. The program provides a diverse array of classes in several disciplines that will prepare students to deal with complex issues of development related to the interactions of natural and social systems.

"We're not teaching a single discipline or skill," says Columbia economist Jeffrey Sachs, who directs the Earth Institute. "We're teaching a way to view the complexity of the human situation. In the 21st century, this means the complexity of a crowded planet in an environment that's under great stress, and economic and ecological systems that are at a crossroads."

This new major is one of three added

for the new academic year. Students can now also major in financial economics (replaces economics and operations research) and ethnicity and race studies (replaces comparative ethnic studies, Latino studies and Asian American studies). Three new majors also were added last year (Latin American and Caribbean studies, African studies and information studies). College students have more than 70 majors and concentrations from which to choose.

Kathryn B. Yatrakis, dean of academic affairs, notes, "The major in sustainable development reflects the heightened interest in issues of sustainability amongst students and the commitment of faculty in the field to undergraduate education. We are very fortunate to have world-class faculty in this area, led by the Denning Professor of Sustainable Development Ruth DeFries, so that we can capitalize on this interest and offer this exciting new major."

The major requirements include class-

es from departments such as economics, biology, earth science and mathematics.

Sachs, who is a special adviser to United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon, says that "systems-oriented thinking" is increasingly in demand by employers in the development community. "Both in the public sector and the private sector," he says, "there's a huge premium on talent that can understand these issues and look across them to come up with creative solutions."

DeFries and Kevin Griffin, associate professor of earth and environmental science, led the program's development. Faculty from the College, the Earth Institute, SIPA, Teachers College and the Mailman School of Public Health will provide instruction.

The major will equip students with a strong theoretical foundation and ample practical skills that are in demand in the public, private and nonprofit sectors as well as in graduate programs.

Ethan Rouen '04

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Class of 2014 Welcomed at Convocation

The sun was hot, the skies were clear and the members of the Class of 2014 and their families were busy on August 30 as they were welcomed at Convocation into the Columbia family. Under a large tent on South Field that provided shade but not much relief from the heat, President Lee C. Bollinger, Dean Michele Moody-Adams and SEAS Dean Feniosky A. Peña-Mora, among others, addressed the students and their families.

After the traditional, colorful parade of students carrying the 159 flags that represented every home state and country of the student body, Dean of Student Affairs and a.v.p. for undergraduate life Kevin Shollenberger welcomed the guests by noting that Convocation is “a celebration of the Class of 2014 as well as transfer students, and a day to honor new students and their families.” New Student Orientation Program coordinator Kevin Magus ’12, who was joined in the audience by many of the NSOP students who ably facilitated the move-in process, made the point that that being at Columbia teaches students how to think, not what to think.

Moody-Adams took the podium at her second Convocation as dean of the College and v.p. for undergraduate education. She addressed the students as “a select group” and congratulated them “on the accomplishments that brought you here today.” She also addressed the parents and families,



President Lee C. Bollinger (top) and Dean Michele Moody-Adams were among the speakers who welcomed members of the Class of 2014, their families and guests at Convocation.
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saying that their “nurture and support have been essential” and added that “Student Affairs professionals are committed to the success of your daughter or son.”

Moody-Adams stressed to the students that the Core Curriculum offers the best of the liberal arts tradition. She said that while they may at times feel stressed by their many choices and responsibilities,

she urged them to “embrace uncertainty, and you will be on the path to taming it ... you should find wonder in everyday surroundings and remain open to the possibility of being surprised.”

The ceremony concluded with the singing of “Roar, Lion, Roar,” Columbia’s fight song, written by Corey Ford ’23.

Lisa Palladino

Kenneth Cole Sponsors Community Engagement Program

Community engagement always has been a vital element in student life at Columbia. Now, fashion designer Kenneth Cole P’10 is giving students interested in working on community projects a huge boost. The College and SEAS are partnering with Cole to create the Kenneth Cole Community Engagement Program (student affairs.columbia.edu/ocae/kennethcole), which will provide 12 undergraduates the opportunity to produce meaningful, sustainable change by developing practical approaches to challenges and opportunities faced by participating communities.

“I am enthusiastic about working with Columbia, one of the nation’s most esteemed universities, on a project intended to inspire its talented student body and empower them with the necessary tools to

make meaningful and sustainable differences in their respective communities,” said Cole, who sponsored a similar program at his alma mater, Emory, in 2002.

Kenneth Cole Fellows will participate in a unique combination of academic study and co-curricular training. They will take at least two approved courses that address community-building and urban issues along with a spring semester seminar series that emphasizes practical learning. Their fellowships will culminate in a paid summer immersion experience working in teams on projects for community-based organizations, social enterprises or not-for-profit entities. To complement their summer projects, the fellows will participate in a unique living-and-learning community in University residence halls.

“We wish to express our deepest gratitude to Kenneth Cole for recognizing the importance of instruction that extends beyond the classroom and impacts our greater community,” said Dean Michele Moody-Adams. “We are confident that Kenneth Cole Fellows will have the unique opportunity to enrich their own learning experiences while discovering the important role each of us plays in making a difference in the local and global communities to which we are all responsible.”

A committee of faculty and administrators from the College, SEAS, the Division of Student Affairs and the Center for Career Education will select fellows in January from among College and SEAS applicants.

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CAMPUS NEWS

■ **WE'RE NO. 4:** Columbia climbed to fourth place, from a tie for eighth a year ago, in *U.S. News & World Report's* 2011 ranking of national universities, which was released in August. Harvard, which had tied with Princeton for first place in 2010, took sole possession of the top spot this year, followed by Princeton and Yale. Stanford and Penn were tied for fifth, CalTech and MIT tied for seventh and Dartmouth, Duke and Chicago tied for ninth.

U.S. News' ratings were begun in 1983 and are based on peer evaluations, graduation and freshman retention rates, faculty resources, student selectivity, financial resources, graduation rate performance and alumni giving rate. This year, the methodology was adjusted to add high school counselors to the peer evaluations and to give more weight to graduation and retention rates.

For more information, go to usnews.com and search for "best colleges 2011."

■ **FULBRIGHTS:** A record 15 young alumni, including eight members of the Class of 2010, won Fulbright Scholarships in the 2009-

10 competition. "We are most grateful for the continued support of faculty members who assist the process through reviewing research proposals, conducting language evaluations and writing letters of recommendation on behalf of our outstanding students," says Michael Pippenger, the associate dean who heads the Fulbright Program.

Following are the Fulbright winners, with their class year, major and the country in which they will be teaching, studying and doing research: Adam Bazar '10, anthropology; Indonesia; Jonathan Blitzler '07, English, Spain; Amanda Erickson '08, urban studies, Azerbaijan; Matthew Franks '09, English, Germany; Alexander Harris-Hertel '10, German literature and cultural history, Germany; Paige Johnson '10, drama and theatre arts, Indonesia; Jamie Johns '10, history, China; Alex Jung '07, anthropology, South Korea; Caitlin Lynch '10, anthropology, Brazil; David Nee '08, English, Austria; Natalie Neumann '10 history (pre-med), Mongolia; Deysy Ordóñez-Arreola '10, anthropology, Mexico; Zoe Towns '07, comparative ethnic studies, United Kingdom;

Rachel Vishnepolsky '10, mathematics, Poland; and Emily Wright-Rosenblatt '08, African-American studies and English, Venezuela.

Also, Menachem Kaiser '09 GS, an economics-philosophy major, was awarded a Fulbright Scholarship to Lithuania, and Lusia Zaitseva '10, a double major in creative writing and French, was recommended by the IIE National Screening Committee and was awarded by the French Ministry Teaching Assistant program.

■ **ENDOWMENT:** Columbia's endowment performed well last year, posting a 17.3 percent return on its investments to finish the fiscal year that ended June 30 at about \$6.5 billion. That beat the 14 percent returns of stock averages for the period. It also surpassed the 11 percent return that Harvard, the world's richest school with an endowment of \$27.4 billion, reported for its endowment, and the 8.9 percent return reported by Yale.

Across the past five years, Columbia's endowment has risen an average of 7.9 percent annually; that compares with a 4.7 percent

gain at Harvard and a 3.1 percent increase for institutions tracked by Wilshire Associates, a consulting firm in Santa Monica, Calif.

"The successful investment performance over time has become a cornerstone of Columbia's financial strength," says Senior E.V.P. Robert Kasdin. "It provides a growing source of operating revenue, and our donors know we take their trust most seriously."

IN LUMINE TUO

■ **Wm. Theodore de Bary '41**, '53 GSAS, the John Mitchell Mason Professor Emeritus and Provost Emeritus of the University, was honored by The Japan Academy with a unanimous election as an Honorary Member on September 13.

The honor was conferred, according to academy president Masaaki Kubo in a letter to De Bary, for his "outstanding contributions to the studies in Confucian ethics and Japanese thoughts."



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IN MEMORIAM

■ Sir Frank Kermode, the Julian Clarence Levi Professor Emeritus in the Humanities during the 1980s, died on August 17 at his home in Cambridge, England. He was 90.

Kermode, who was knighted in 1991, was one of the most distinguished literary critics of his generation, especially in his studies of Shakespeare and early modern literature. He published more than 50 books across a wide range of literature on authors as various as Beowulf, Homer, Philip Roth and Wallace Stevens. A prolific reviewer, he contributed frequently to *The London Review of Books*, which he helped create, *The Times Literary Supplement* and *The New York Review of Books*. He became co-editor of *Encounter* in 1964. Kermode's *The Sense of An Ending: Studies in the Theory of Fiction* (1967, 2000) and *The Genesis of Secrecy: On the Interpretation of Narrative* (1979) have endured as classic works of criticism. His latest book, *Concerning E.M. Forster*, was published last December.

Kermode was born in Douglas, Isle of Man, and graduated from Liverpool University in 1940. He was a professor at King's College, Cambridge and the University College of London before moving to the United States in 1982. He taught at Columbia, Harvard and Yale, and in 2003, he was presented with an honorary Doctor of Letters degree from Columbia.

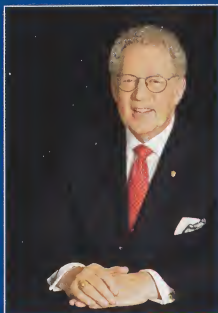


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Martha Howell '74 GSAS, '79 GSAS is the Miriam Champion Professor of History. Her research focuses on social, legal, economic and women's history in northern Europe. She is the author of numerous papers and books, including, most recently, *Commerce Before Capitalism: European Market Culture, 1300-1600*. Howell earned a B.A. from Georgetown and an M.A. and Ph.D. from Columbia.

What did you want to be when you were growing up? Something that was not visible. I grew up in the '50s and '60s in a very conventional suburb of Washington, D.C., in which the only careers imaginable for a woman, other than being a mother with an Irish Setter, a station wagon and two kids, were to be a teacher, a nurse or a secretary. I didn't want to be any of those. I didn't know what I wanted to be. It wasn't until later that I started to imagine other careers, really not until I was almost in college.

How did you become a historian?

When I started college, I thought I would probably be

a professor and go to graduate school, but it wasn't clear to me what that would lead to, maybe a job at a women's college. Once I got into college, I had much grander ideas. I wanted to be a journalist and work in Europe. I went to Europe after college and lived there for a year. I came back fluent in German but was stunned to find out that *The New York Times* didn't want to hire me as its correspondent in Bonn (then West Germany's capital city). All they wanted to know was, could I type? And I couldn't type. But I had done quite a lot of economics as an undergraduate, and I got a job doing financial research just at the moment when banks and Wall Street decided that they

Culture, 1300-1600. Although it has tons about gender and other things I've become associated with, it is much more a return to economic history. But it is a socio-cultural history of the economy rather than a straight history as economists would tell it. I'm also gearing up for a new project, which is going to be about the culture of the economy in the early modern period. I think I am going to focus on merchant culture: how merchants see the world and their profession in a time when the pursuit of wealth was still suspect morally. We did not yet live in a world where the market economy could stand as the logic of the good society. It was exactly the opposite.

I am a rabid Yankees fan, and I know a lot about them.

Growing up in Northern Virginia, how did you become a Yankees fan?

Our team was the Washington Senators, and they were terrible, so I never developed a passion for them. But one of my sons, as a little boy, became fascinated with all sports. His father was uninterested in baseball. My son needed a partner, and he taught me about baseball. For years, for my birthday, he would take me to a Yankees game.

What is your favorite spot in New York City?

I have many, but one of my favorites is Central Park in May.

How do you recharge?

I go to the country. I ride bicycles. I hike. I ski. We spend summers at a farm

on the Canadian border in Vermont.

If you could be anywhere in the world right now, where would you be?

I might be in Barton, Vt., or I might be in Berlin.

What are you reading for pleasure?

I'm on an Alice Munro kick.

What on your resume are you most proud of?

I was given an honorary degree in 2007 from the University of Ghent, which is the center for medieval studies in Belgium. It's a part of the world that I study, so to be given an honorary degree by that part of the world, where they know a lot about their history, I guess that's the best thing.

Interview and photo:
Ethan Rouen '04]

To watch a video of Howell discussing the challenges of starting a gender studies program, go to college.columbia.edu/cct.

Five Minutes with ... Martha Howell

could hire women. Someone hired me even though I didn't have an M.B.A., and I worked there for a few years, but I realized that wasn't really what I wanted to do, so I decided to go to graduate school.

How did you end up at Columbia?

I graduated from here in 1979, got my first teaching job at Rutgers and commuted from New York. Ten years later, Columbia was searching for someone who could teach and help organize gender studies, and I had done a lot of work on gender. My first book was on gender. Columbia invited me to apply. I was already living on the Upper

West Side, so the transition was easy.

What are you working on?

I recently published a book called *Commerce Before Capitalism: European Market*

What are you teaching this semester?

In addition to one graduate course and, in the spring, an undergraduate course, I'm teaching the year-long senior thesis seminar where the history majors who chose to do so can do independent research and have an opportunity to earn honors.

What's your favorite food? Probably either ice cream or salad.

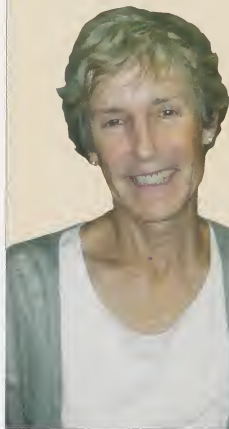
Do you have any pets?

I have had cats most of my adult life, and the two that I had most recently died a couple of years ago. I'm very sad about that, but I'm doing a lot of traveling, so it's hard to have a pet right now.

Are you married? Do you have kids?

I am married and have twin boys who are 30.

What's something your students would never guess about you?



ROAR, LION, ROAR

■ **SATOW STADIUM:** Columbia's baseball facility at the Baker Athletics Complex has been renamed in recognition of the generosity of former Columbia College Alumni Association president Phillip M. Satow '63. Satow played second base for the Lions and was a member of the 1963 team that tied Dartmouth and Navy for the Eastern/Ivy League championship.

The \$1.5 million family gift, which was announced by University Trustees Chair Bill Campbell '62 at Homecoming on October 23, will fund major improvements that will make the baseball facility among the best in the Ivy League. The project includes new seats behind home plate and the expansion of seating down the first base line, construction of a new home dugout, installation of a new multimedia scoreboard and a new press box.

Satow and his family have made numerous gifts to Columbia, including the Satow Family Scholarship Fund and the widely used Jed D. Satow Room on the fifth floor of Alfred Lerner Hall. As for his most recent gift, Satow said, "It was a natural fit. I love Columbia. I have always been a supporter of Columbia athletics. And I love baseball; it is one of the loves of my life."

Satow is a classmate of Robert K. Kraft '63, whose \$5 million gift in 2007 resulted in the renaming of the football playing field as the Robert K. Kraft Field at Lawrence A. Wien Stadium. The baseball field's proximity to Kraft Field and a planned facility named after Campbell will cement a bond among the three alumni. "I have great respect and special affection for Bill Campbell and Robert Kraft," said Satow.

■ **FOOTBALL:** Sean Brackett '13 tied a school record by throwing five touchdown passes as Columbia opened its Ivy schedule in fine fashion, trouncing Princeton 42-14 on October 2. Brackett completed 18 of 24 pass attempts for 273 yards and helped Columbia amass 528 yards in total offense, just 20 shy of the school record. Brackett's five TD passes tied the Columbia record shared by Paul Governali '43 and John Witkowski '84.

Columbia's 42 points were the most scored against Princeton in school history, and this marked the first time Columbia has beaten Princeton in consecutive years. Columbia won 38-0 at Princeton a year ago.

■ **VOLLEYBALL:** Columbia's volleyball team beat Manhattan 3-0 (25-12, 25-19, 25-17) on September 29 for its ninth straight victory, the longest winning streak in school history. The Lions were led against the Jaspers by Madeline Rumer '14, who had 12 kills, and Megan Gaughan '13, who had 11. Colleen Brennan '14 had 26 assists and Katherine Keller '14 had 24 digs.

The streak came to an end on October 2 when the Lions narrowly lost at Cornell 3-2, coming back from two sets down before dropping the deciding fifth set 15-13.

■ **OLYMPIAN:** Cross country and track and field alumna Lisa Stublic '06 qualified for the 2012 Olympics by running the Berlin marathon in 2:33.42 on September 26. She finished ninth in the race but her time beat the Olympic 'A' standard by more than three seconds.

Stublic will represent Croatia in

the London Olympics and become the country's first female Olympic marathon runner. She moved to Croatia three years ago; her father is a native, while her mother is American.

"When I saw the result, I thought that I was dreaming," Stublic told the *Croatian Times*. "This was the first marathon of my life and regardless of the fact that we prepared well, I did not expect such a good result. I wanted to come to my father's homeland, and when I saw the methods of training of my current coach, Slavko Petrovic, I was so excited that I stayed. And I am not sorry."

Stublic, a cross-country All-American at Columbia, was a member of the team that dominated Ivy League women's cross country, winning championships each of the four years she competed. A two-time All-Ivy runner, Stublic qualified for the NCAA finals in cross country each of her four years and also for the NCAA finals in the 3,000-meter steeplechase her senior year.

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"I'm a runner, so I like to stay healthy. Oatmeal is really warm and comforting and I made it for breakfast every day at home, so hopefully I'll keep that up in college."

Laura Vigilante, 18, Brookside, N.J.

Move-in day can be a traumatic experience, and not just for parents. For some students, it marks the first time they will be living away from home for an extended period of time. Volunteers from the New Student Orientation Program make the move-in process run remarkably smoothly, but there comes a time when goodbyes are said, more than a tear or two is shed, and parents and students go their separate ways. As first-year students settle into unfamiliar quarters in residence halls such as Carman and John Jay, we asked, What one special thing did you bring with you to remind you of home?



"Ratatouille is the one movie I always watched with my friends when I was sad or unhappy. I couldn't leave it at home."

Andrew Wright, 18, Parsippany, N.J.



"I've always wanted to be a composer and it was really important to me that I could bring my clarinet to college."

Solomon Hoffman, 18, Port Washington, N.Y.



"Music is the one thing I definitely know I want to study here. If I could only bring one thing with me to college, it would be my keyboard."

Gabriel Ray, 17, Baltimore



"My family is very important to me and I'm going to miss them — but I'll go home to visit every couple weekends."

Bolivar Charles, 18, White Plains, N.Y.



"A really good friend gave me this poster of Jessica Biel and I've always had it in my room. I think it'll fit in well here."

Juan Ocampo, 18, Bogota, Colombia

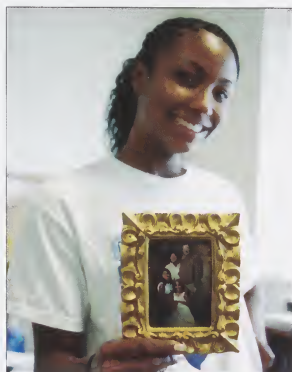


"I'm not really a photo person, but I brought this one picture so I can always keep my family in front of me when I'm away."

Zahra Bhaiwala, 18, Boston



"This is the Maryland flag and it reminds me of where I'm from. My oldest brother brought it with him to college and had it in his room and then my other brother did it, so it's become a family tradition."
Gideon Wolf, 17, Baltimore



"This is the only family portrait we've ever taken, so I had to bring it. My family means everything to me."

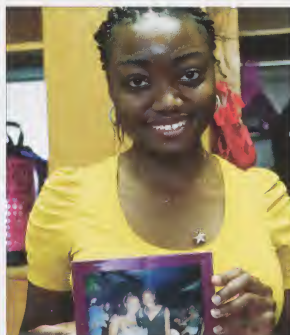
Tayler Johnson, 18, Los Angeles

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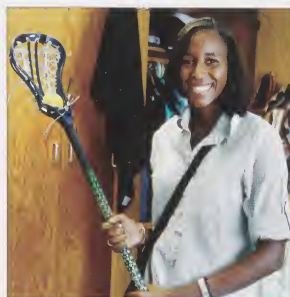
"These are the hair products that I buy when I go home to Buenos Aires that I can only find there — my hair is disgusting without them!"

Ayelen Rodriguez, 18, New York City
(by way of Buenos Aires, Argentina)



"This photo is from my best friend's Sweet 16 party. I've known her since I was 4, and she gave me this to remember her by."

Mya Reid, 17, Fort Washington, Md.



"Lacrosse is a huge part of my life and who I am. I'm a recruit, so I'll definitely be on the Columbia team, and I'm really excited."

Camille Richardson, 18, Philadelphia



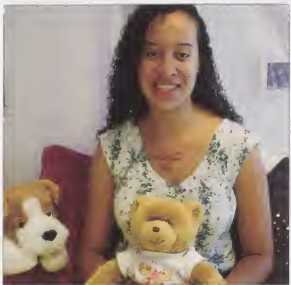
"I've had this pillow since I was little. I actually grew up in Brooklyn, so it's traveled around with me. It's nice to bring it back to its original home."

Anna-Luisa Mirto, 18, Sterling, Va.



"This is the picture from It's a Wonderful Life, which is the movie my family has watched every Christmas since I was born. It was also my school play senior year, and even though I'm really an athlete I tried out on a whim and got the main part, Mary. It was a life-changing experience."

Hillary Szot, 18, Tewksbury, N.Y.



"I've had her for four years — she's a Build-A-Bear, and whenever I see her she makes me feel more at home."

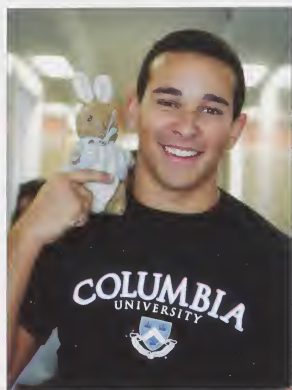
Hannah Ellison, 18, Evanston, Ill.



"This monkey is always on my bed, no matter where I am."

Charlotte Haney, 18, New Rochelle, N.Y.

*"She's a
Build-A-Bear,
and whenever
I see her she
makes me feel
more at home."*



"I've had Peter Rabbit since I was born, and I still cuddle with him."

Justin D'Agostino, 18, Monroe, N.J.

Kyle Smith Takes the Reins

Columbia's new men's basketball coach hopes to lead Lions to the next level

By ALEX SACHARE '71

In a league historically dominated by the Killer Ps, Penn and Princeton, Kyle Smith wants to turn Columbia into the next Cornell.

Last spring, Cornell compiled a 29–5 record and won its third consecutive Ivy League championship. It advanced to the Sweet Sixteen, the third round of the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Championship, something no Ivy team had achieved since Penn reached the Final Four in 1979.

"Cornell had a great team," says Smith, who was named Columbia's 22nd head coach on May 2. "It obviously can be done. You could say they got a 7-footer who transferred in and he ended up being really good, and they got a kid from somewhere down south and you could say he just stumbled onto campus. Well, I think Steve Donahue built a pretty good program over 10 years that gave them an opportunity to really blossom and develop and turn into what they did."

Smith can relate. Another team in that Sweet Sixteen was St. Mary's, a little-known school in California that had a 2–27 record in 2000, the year before Smith signed on as an assistant to his longtime friend, Randy Bennett. "They were kicking dirt on the place, talking about dropping down to Division III," says Smith. Last year, it was St. Mary's that did the kicking, all the way to a 28–6 record, its second consecutive season with more than 25 wins.

"Every job has hurdles you have to get past," says Smith. "It's not different at Cornell, but they did it. Let's not let the hobgoblins and excuses get in the way. We're going to keep motoring and get through it."

Smith, 41, was not yet born when Columbia beat Princeton 92–74 in a one-game playoff in 1968 to win its only Ivy League men's basketball crown. The 1950–51 Columbia team that went undefeated in the regular season won the championship of the Eastern Intercollegiate Basketball Conference, the forerunner to the Ivy League that also included Army and Navy. Since the Ivy League was created in 1954, Penn and Princeton have combined to win 48 of the 56 men's basketball championships.

Seven coaches have come and gone since Columbia last wore the Ivy crown, and the Lions have enjoyed just three winning seasons in the last 30 years. Columbia was

86–108 in the last seven years under coach Joe Jones and had three 7–7 Ivy seasons before dipping to 5–9 in the league and 11–17 overall last winter. So what makes Smith, a head coach for the first time after 18 years as an assistant at San Diego, Air Force and St. Mary's, believe he can do what so many others have failed to accomplish?

"The experiences I've had," responds Smith unhesitatingly. "Where other people see a dead end, I see a tremendous opportunity. It was that way at St. Mary's, and it's the same thing at Columbia. St. Mary's was not exactly a juggernaut when I got there."

"Don't get me wrong, this place is not 2–27. It's not," adds Smith, speaking in his third-floor office in the Dodge Physical Fitness Center prior to the start of the fall semester. "When Joe got here, he inherited the same situation we had at St. Mary's. I know how hard he worked. It's hard to get over the hump. Joe put in a lot of work here, and I'm hoping to pick up on that."

But why does Smith think he can take the Lions to the next level? "I guess it's because I've been in similar situations," he replies. "I've done it. It comes down to basketball and team, the things we emphasize. I've been in situations where you have to look at things differently and we've been able to overcome the issues we were facing. It's a matter of instilling a belief that it can be done, talking about it and then going out and doing it."

"Penn and Princeton have had great teams. Cornell showed it can be done. Columbia has had great teams, too. So it's been done in the Ivy League, and now we're going to try to do it in New York City. Can you imagine if that happened?"

The Columbia program bottomed out in 2002-03, when the team was winless in the Ivy League and 2-25 overall. Jones came in and laid a foundation. A campus presence, he boosted team morale, reignited spirit among students and alumni, recruited some good players and got the Lions to the middle of the Ivy League.

But last spring, when Donahue cashed in on Cornell's success and moved on to become head coach at Boston College of the Atlantic Coast Conference, Jones resigned to become Donahue's top assistant.

Athletics Director M. Dianne Murphy said more than 150 applications were reviewed before her search team selected Smith as Jones' successor. "He's exactly what we're looking for as our head basketball coach," Murphy said when Smith was introduced to the Columbia community on May 5, citing Smith's "strong leadership skills, excellent basketball knowledge and successful recruiting experience."

For Smith, the opportunity was "too good to pass up," he says, even though it meant uprooting his family from a comfort zone on the West Coast. "Head coaching jobs are hard to get, period, and everybody knows the Ivy League and its schools. For certain kids, for certain families, there's a feeling of awe when you say Columbia. Now I want to get the basketball to match that, which Columbia deserves."

Smith had no qualms about moving from a school, albeit a relatively lesser-known one, that was able to offer athletics scholarships to one where all financial aid is need-based.

"I like the non-scholarship piece," he says. "I was a Division III player at Hamilton College, and there was an investment on our part as players. We were there for the love of the game. I've been on the other side of that for a long time, where you're offering scholarships that are worth \$50,000 a year. There's somewhat of a lack of appreciation. I don't know of many 17-year-olds who are ready to take on a \$50,000-a-year job, which essentially is what it becomes. There's a sense of entitlement, and they tend not to want to give back, whereas people at Columbia, or where I went at Hamilton, tend to give back."

Smith says he was pleasantly surprised by the interest in the basketball program among alumni. "I think the piece that really sells Columbia is that people who have gone through here have had a wonderful experience and they care so much about it. I wasn't expecting that. There hasn't been great recent success in the program, and



After 18 years as an assistant, Kyle Smith assumes his first head coaching position at Columbia.

PHOTO: DANIELLA ZALCMAN '09

“Where other people see a dead end, I see a tremendous opportunity.”

usually when that happens people kind of drift off, but that hasn't happened.”

While he can't offer an athletic scholarship as an enticement, Smith believes he has a simple recruiting tool that could be just as effective.

“Get ‘em on campus,” he says. “There are so many people who are willing to come and tell them, ‘This is what it's like to go to Columbia, this is what it was like when I was here.’ There's excitement in their voices. They're emotionally attached.”

“From my perspective, as an outsider coming from the West Coast, what makes Columbia different from the other Ivy League schools is New York City. The kid who wants the bright lights, the big city, the culture here ... it's advantageous for a certain kind of kid. For some it's not. But those other seven campuses are different; this one's unique, it's New York.”

“In another sense, Columbia beats expectations. People think of New York, it's going to be all hustle and bustle, but that's not it at all — especially when you get through the gates and see the green space, the lawns. It's what you want it to be. Coming to the Dodge Fitness Center through the campus is my favorite walk. It's peaceful and calm. It's really beautiful and not what you might expect.”

Smith is hopeful of attracting prospects

who will see it the same way.

“For a recruit, I want Columbia to be his destiny. This is where he wanted to go, this is his first option, boom, I want to make this happen here. If a guy thinks he's settling by going to Columbia, he's not going to be as invested in the program. He's thinking, ‘I could have gone somewhere else, I could have gotten a scholarship.’ Well, we need to change that, we don't want that mentality. We want guys who want to be here, who will say, ‘This is awesome!’”

What does Smith, who coordinated recruiting for St. Mary's, look for when he evaluates prospects?

“Feel,” he responds. “When I say feel, I mean an understanding of the game. I like to find guys who can pass. They see things happen before they happen, offensively as well as defensively. They understand where the other four guys on the team are at all times.”

“In more general terms, I look for guys who can dribble, pass and shoot. You want those qualities. And really, that's harder to find than you might think. That's the definition of a guard, and we'd like to have five of them out there. Now, you're not going to win with five 5-11 guys. But can you find a 6-8 forward who can do those things? Can you find a center who can pass the ball? That's a gift.”

Smith adds, “Sometimes there's too much of an emphasis on recruiting. It's what the fans and the alums like to talk about — who's coming in, who's going to do what. The big thing we'll do here is worry about the ones we have and not so much about the ones we don't. The guys we have now, those are guys we were excited about three years ago, so let's see if we can get them to reach their full potential. That was our blueprint at St. Mary's. We weren't signing McDonald's All-Americans, but we got guys with great attitudes, guys who really wanted to be there. That's important. We've got guys who really want to be at Columbia.”

Smith has definite ideas about the kind of program he wants to run at Columbia.

“Our thing is going to be selling team,” he says. “That's where my confidence comes from. Fans and the media are going to gravitate to star players; fine, that's how you market the program. But there's an underlying integrity to the team, the program, certain expectations that everybody's meeting that make it really good. So at St. Mary's, when we lost five seniors from our 26-8 NIT team, including one NBA player and the second-best player in school history, we came back and went 28-6 last year and to the Sweet Sixteen. It was a confirmation that team matters, that doing the little things to support each other is important. If you do things right, if you support each other, you'll succeed.”

“The coaching philosophy we had at St. Mary's and that I've carried with me through high school and college is suited for the Ivy League, for guys who are willing to put the team first.”

Like Jones before him, Smith wants his team and his players to be fully integrated into campus life.

“I don't want our shirts to say Columbia basketball, I just want them to say Columbia,” he declares. “We can be a great vehicle for promoting what Columbia can be, what Columbia is about. Now, I want guys who are committed to basketball and being part of a team, because those relationships are going to last forever. The alumni who played here have that, and a lot of them are very close.”

“But we're Columbia. Our guys will be part of the community. They're students, there's no doubt about it. They're not separate. People see them, they go to class like

Kyle Smith: Off the Court

For a man with a vanilla last name, Kyle Smith has a rocky road background.

“I'm kind of a product of the American tapestry,” he says. “My last name is Smith, but my mother is Italian and my dad is Polish, Czech, Eastern European. My parents split and my mother remarried a man who is Jewish and from New York and Philly. I have family in California, Seattle, Texas, Michigan, North Carolina, Ohio. My ancestors came through Ellis Island, and now that I'm in New York, it's kind of circled back.”

“We have a rich, deep history of people from all around this country.”

Smith was born in El Paso, Texas, and raised on the nearby Fort Bliss Army base. He played basketball for Rick Sherley, a prominent Texas schoolboy coach, at Alfred Hastings H.S. in Houston. He is married and lives in Morningside Heights with his wife, Katie, and sons, Rocco (2) and Bo, who was born on August 26 at New York

Presbyterian/Columbia University Medical Center — “a true New Yorker,” Smith says.

Smith spent a year at Deerfield Academy and graduated from Hamilton College in 1992 with a degree in English literature. Despite that major, Smith is at a loss when asked the last book he has read.

“Anything of weight ... It's been awhile,” he admits. “It's hard to turn off the coaching thing. *The Kite Runner* — I was about five years late to that one, but it was a book of substance that I enjoyed. Right now, with a 2-year-old and a newborn, I'm not sure how much reading I'll be doing. Actually, I've been reading *Five Silly Monkeys* just about every night for the past six months.”

Smith played basketball at Hamilton and helped the team to a 26-1 record and a No. 1 ranking in Division III in 1991. He holds a master's in educational leadership from the University of San Diego, where he began his coaching career in 1992.

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"Team matters; doing the little things to support each other is important."

everyone else, they're regular Joes. And we do have the best arena for bringing the community together. We're on campus. It's where people can meet. I don't know what it's been like, but I'm hoping that no matter what your thing is, you'll come over here for a two-hour break and support us."

As Smith speaks, Columbia's 2010-11 season opener at LaSalle on November 12 is more than two months away, so it is understandable that he is reluctant to get into specifics about this year's team. The top returning player is guard Noruru Agho '12, a second team All-Ivy selection who led the Lions with 16.3 points per game and 58 three-point field goals last season. Others who saw significant action a year ago include Brian Grimes '11, Asenso Ampim '11, Mark Cisco '13, Brian Barbour '13, John Daniels '13, Steve Egee '12, Matt Johnson '12 and a pair of 7-footers, Max Craig '11 and Zack Crimmins '11.

"I've watched video of our team," he says, "but I don't want to get too much of a preconceived notion of what guys can and can't do. I think they hired me because in a sense they wanted a clean slate, where each guy has an equal opportunity to produce and earn a place in the rotation."

"Obviously, the goal is to win the league, but we want to see improvement. We want to improve each year. We were an 11-win team and we lost three seniors, but we have some good talent coming back. We want to make sure our attitude is right and our work ethic is right, and let's see if we can improve from there. We'll set team goals, and we'll reevaluate them periodically."

Asked about his coaching philosophy, Smith said, "I come from a history of playing up-tempo and I prefer to play that way. Now, are you going to go from A to Z in four months, when that has not been Columbia's style? I don't know. And there are some speed bumps in trying to play up-tempo. It's going to be hard to change the way Princeton plays, especially on their court. Are we going to be able to speed them up? I don't know. But that's what I would like."

Smith says there are common misconceptions with regard to his chosen style of play.

"Skill is what enables teams to play up-tempo and score more points," he explains. "The general perception is that you need to be athletic, quick, fast to play up-tempo. Well, our St. Mary's team was 20th in the country in scoring last year and had



At his introductory news conference in May, Smith spoke of trying to install an up-tempo style of play that takes advantage of fundamental skills.

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to be the slowest team in Division I. Our two big men were 6-11, 265 and believe me, not fleet of foot. We might have had four dunks all last year. We were a Sweet Sixteen team that couldn't dunk. But our skill level was tremendous. In assist-to-turnover ratio, we were near the top in the country. Our three-point field goal percentage was fourth in the country."

"Our emphasis will be on skill — the ability to make shots, take care of the ball."

Smith also pays close attention to off-court attributes.

"I really want guys with great attitudes and great work ethics," he says. "All things being equal, I want the great attitude guy. You ask him to do something, he's going to go above and beyond to do it and that's the foundation of our culture. We'll reward guys who do the little things. I've been preaching that."

"Now, how do we put a team together, get the chemistry right, get the egos right? That remains to be seen. I'm sure there'll be some bumps in the road. But these are Columbia kids. They're sharp cookies, it's as simple as that, and it's refreshing that way. You can raise the bar for them, as far as the work level that is expected of them. So I'm going to gauge them based on their work ethic and their level of commitment to the team. Those guys will do well in our program. They might not all play a lot. Obviously, only five guys are going to start and only eight or nine are going to play regularly. But I want guys on the team who will have a sense of pride and for whom it will mean something to wear

the Columbia uniform."

Next March, when his first season is in the books, how will Smith measure success?

"Obviously, results are how you evaluate your performance in this business and measure whether you've reached your goals. An Ivy championship and a berth in the NCAA Tournament, we'd be walking on clouds around here. That would be terrific. But in more general terms, I want us to be a better team in March that we were in November. I want to see us improve each day."

"We're going to give each player tangible things to work on and get better at each day," says Smith. "We'll do a lot of measurement every day in practice — we'll film it, evaluate it and give the guys feedback the next day so they can measure how they're progressing, areas they need to get better at as well as areas in which they are doing well."

Smith cites three metrics as especially important: assist-to turnover ratio, rebounding margin and defensive field goal percentage. "These are the things that come to mind that we can measure. We're probably not going to be able to get all three things, but we'll try. If we can improve in all three of those areas, we will give ourselves a chance to have a great season."

Alex Sachare '71, the editor of CCT, has written, edited or contributed to more than 20 books on basketball, including *The Official NBA Basketball Encyclopedia*, *America's Dream Team (with Chuck Daly)* and *The Complete Idiot's Guide to Basketball (with Walt Frazier)*.

Dr. John Clarke '93 Raps for the Health of It

By KIM MARTINEAU '97J

Dr. John Clarke '93 has rapped about asthma and allergies, but none of his songs have caught on quite like the one about H1N1 flu. A medical director for the Long Island Rail Road (LIRR), Clarke spends his free time spreading public health messages through hip-hop. As swine flu hysteria swept the nation last year, Clarke coolly dished out prevention tips in an award-winning rap video.

*I'm recommending washing hands for protection
Front and back real thorough while you count 20 seconds.
Hand sanitizer, I advise you get it, why?
It makes germs die, when you rub and let it dry.*

Shot mostly at Columbia, the video was submitted to the U.S. Health and Human Services' national flu.gov PSA contest, where it beat out more than 200 other entries to win \$2,500, a spot on national TV and enough attention to garner 240,000 hits on YouTube. The publicity has allowed Clarke to take his career in new directions. The National Psoriasis Foundation and LIRR have since commissioned the rapping doc to write songs for them, and most recently, he has entered an original song to promote condom use in a contest sponsored by Trojan and hosted by rapper Ludacris.

On camera, Clarke, a specialist in occupational medicine, waves his hands and leans into the lens as if ready to brag and boast. Off-stage, he is polite and unassuming, leading a quiet life on suburban Long Island with his wife, Elizabeth, a nurse, and their two children. Though Clarke has been writing rap lyrics for three decades (since he was 8) and recording songs for others since college, it was H1N1 that gave him national exposure. He regularly speaks at churches and schools about public health, but lately the requests for his speeches and performances have been rolling in more often.

On a Sunday this past spring, Clarke guided his minivan through Long Island's sleepy suburban streets to Grace Cathedral International, an African-American congregation, where a group of teenagers and their parents awaited. While some artists rap about flashy cars and sexual conquests, Clarke is a self-described "physician musician" whose material consists of medical case histories and textbook terminology. Through hip-hop and plain language, his goal is to reach those who normally tune out authority figures. The health topics for teens include suicide, HIV and the dangers of

smoking, subject matter serious enough that Clarke is dressed in a suit and tie, which he wears to all performances.

As Clarke drove, his latest song played from the car stereo:

*Yes, Dr. Clarke is back
I came to drop a rap
Cause everybody needs to watch the gap.*

The gap, for those who do not regularly ride commuter rail, is that treacherous few inches of space separating a train car from the platform, made famous by several serious injuries and lawsuits in recent years. The LIRR shot video of Clarke performing the rap, for use as a public service piece on train platforms.

Clarke has been medical director for LIRR for four years, supervising its drug testing program and determining whether employ-

*Dr. John Clarke
'93's songs often
are a family affair.
His son, John Jr.,
provides vocals,
as do his wife and
daughter.*



ees are medically fit to work. But it wasn't until *Newsday* profiled him on September 2, 2009, after the H1N1 video hit, that people at work learned he could rap. In its ongoing campaign to remind the public about the gap (and avoid more lawsuits), LIRR asked Clarke if he would write for them.

Until that point, Clarke's hip-hop career had been on hold. His last album, *Children's Health Songs*, teaching kids about dental hygiene and healthy eating, came out in 2005. But after the birth of his son, John Jr., now almost 5, followed by a daughter, Sandra, 2, he found his creative energy sapped by the demands of work and parenting.

One morning in May 2009, swine flu was mentioned on the news. "Hey John, look!" Clarke remembers his wife saying. "Might be good to write a song."

Over the next few days, Clarke started gathering information and writing lyrics, and a month later he recorded the song. In August 2009, while searching for a government agency that might like to use the piece, Clarke stumbled across the video contest on flu.gov. With four days to go till deadline, he dusted off his video camera, called his cousin, a photographer, and traveled to Columbia to shoot the piece on the walkway over Amsterdam Avenue.

By the end of August, the video had climbed to the Top 10 on YouTube, and the talk shows began calling. Clarke appeared on *The Wendy Williams Show* and then flew to Los Angeles to appear on *The Doctors*. The night before the taping, he was stopped on Hollywood Boulevard for an autograph. "We just laughed," his wife says. A few days later, Secretary of Health and Human Services Kathleen Sebelius called to congratulate Clarke, and he traveled to Washington, D.C., to accept his prize.

Clarke was a member of the first generation to grow up with hip-hop and spent most of his formative years in Queens, where LL Cool J and Run DMC were becoming household names. He tried to emulate the complex rhymes of Big Daddy Kane and Rakim, and in high school often memorized vocabulary words by setting them to rap. Still, his parents viewed his hobby nervously. "They didn't like it," he says. "I had to assure them I wouldn't allow it to jeopardize medical school."

At Columbia, Clarke was pre-med and did a double concentration in music and sociology. But he also found

*Two puffs of the asthma stuff,
Twice a day,
Slips the wheeze and helps you to breathe!*

Asthma sufferer LL Cool J introduced the song in what became an internal hospital video. Since then, Clarke has self-produced six albums about diabetes, sickle cell anemia and even allergies (one song is playfully titled "So Many Tissues") that he sells mostly to school nurses and other health professionals. His wife and son often contribute vocals while Clarke puts down the layers of synthesizer and drum machines himself. He plays the clarinet, piano, bass guitar and recorder, but says it's faster and easier to rely on synthesizers.

Clarke's most ambitious album, *Health Hop Music*, is geared toward teenagers. On that Sunday at Grace Cathedral, he interspersed songs from the album with statistics and the occasional scripture. The big risk in rapping about medicine, he says, is coming off as preachy or worse, corny. To avoid that, he tells stories. In "Playaz Klub," a young woman infected with HIV hides her status from her sexual partners, a true story Clarke learned about from a school social worker. Part of the song is told from the guy's



Clarke spends many weekends touring Long Island in his minivan, performing at churches and other venues.
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time to rap at talent shows, cut hair for classmates and neighborhood pals, and bring activists to campus to speak, including Rev. Al Sharpton, Ralph Nader and Dr. Ruth. "He was the only other person I knew at school who really appreciated early '80s Jamaican dancehall," says his friend Michael Goldwasser '93, a Grammy Award-winning reggae producer. "While I could not have predicted that he would later rap about medical issues, it definitely makes sense that he would rap about issues that are important to society."

Clarke recorded his first demos from Goldwasser's dorm room and his first songs in Professor Brad Garton's "MIDI Music Production Techniques" class, where they experimented with the synthesizers and sequencers used by hip-hop artists at the time. "We encouraged everyone to really explore their creative side," says Garton. "I guess it paid off for John."

Clarke took Music Humanities with Kitty Brazelton, and for his final project, he transposed a piece of classical music that would later help him compose musical tracks. He aced the class, and Brazelton wrote him a recommendation for medical school.

During his 1997 residency at Mount Sinai School of Medicine, from where he also earned his M.D., Clarke composed his first medical-rap, "Asthma Stuff":

point of view, and as Clarke rapped, several teenagers smiled at the words.

*He took her back to the crib to hit a homerun,
In his mind he said, 'This ho's dumb.
I didn't buy her drinks or take her to a movie,
didn't spend a cent and still I got the booty!'*

But getting lucky leads to a life-changing mistake; the song ends after the guy tests positive for crabs, gonorrhea and HIV.

After the lecture, the crowd stood to applaud. The teenagers mingled in the lobby on their way out and gave Clarke positive reviews. "He had a nice flow," says Jelissa Dacosta, a student at Nassau Community College who is studying to become a nurse. "We hear about this stuff all the time, but hip-hop is a good way to get the message out."

To see Clarke's music videos, go to college.columbia.edu/ect.

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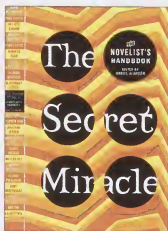
The Secret Miracle

Daniel Alarcón '99 edits a handbook for novelists

Daniel Alarcón '99 was chosen this year by *The New Yorker* for its prestigious "20 Under 40" list of the country's top young fiction writers. Born in Lima, Peru, Alarcón spent his childhood in Birmingham, Ala., and attended Indian Spring School. "As a boy, I wanted to be the Peruvian Diego Maradona," he told *The New Yorker*. (A longtime soccer enthusiast, Alarcón blogged about the World Cup last summer for *The New Republic*.) In 2007, his novel about people whose lives are torn apart by a civil war, *Lost City Radio*, was named a Best Book of the Year by the Los Angeles Times, The Washington Post and the San Francisco Chronicle.



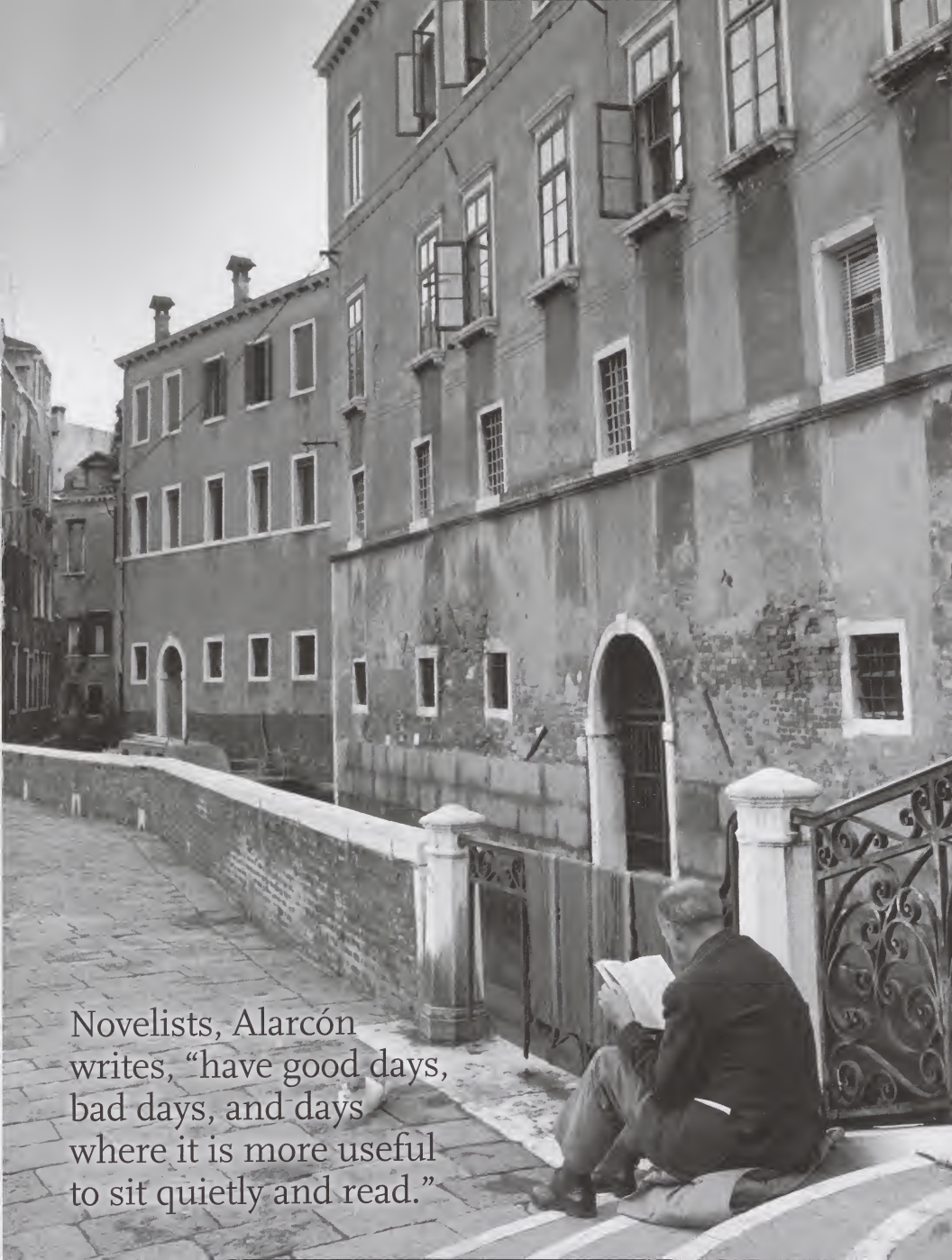
Daniel Alarcón '99
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Alarcón's latest book, *The Secret Miracle: The Novelist's Handbook*, is actually a nonfiction collection about the craft of writing that he has edited. Contributors ranging from Mario Vargas Llosa to Stephen King and from Amy Tan to Gary Shteyngart answer the basic questions of beginning writers: What should a first chapter do? Do you outline? What makes for a successful ending, and how do you know when you're done? The result is an informal master class in the art of fiction by some of today's best writers — an Olympian version of literary shoptalk.

In the following essay from *The Secret Miracle*, revised for this magazine, Alarcón muses about the compulsive, dangerous and irresistible pursuit of writing.

Rose Kernochan '82 Barnard



Novelists, Alarcón
writes, “have good days,
bad days, and days
where it is more useful
to sit quietly and read.”

"Apart from a few friends and many routines, the problematic pursuit of literature constituted the whole of his life; like every writer, he measured other men's virtues by what they had accomplished, yet asked that other men measure him by what he planned someday to do."

— Jorge Luis Borges
The Secret Miracle

In December of 2004, just before Christmas, I wrote the last sentence of my first (and for now, only) novel. I wasn't done, nor was it a first draft exactly, but composing this seven-word sentence certainly felt like some kind of milestone. At the time I was renting a room in a big, lonely house in the Eastlake neighborhood of Oakland, California. There was a yard of overgrown grass in the back that I never once set foot in. The landlady was my age, with sandy hair and a thin, mousy voice, polite to the point of being nearly invisible, and we shared the space like two people in the waiting room of a doctor's office. Her boyfriend lived in Los Angeles, and every few weeks she'd go see him and leave me to care for the house, which entailed nothing at all. The lights and the heat went off and on by electronic timer; there were no pets, no plants. Whether she was home or not made no difference to me: either way, I spent most of the day inside my room, venturing to the kitchen only to make coffee or lunch. I wrote all morning until I got too hungry to keep going. I had no distractions: baseball season was over, the disappointing presidential election had come and gone, and besides my sisters I had essentially no friends in the Bay. For months, that hadn't mattered; I had my novel. And I knew I was close, knew I was approaching the end of *something*, but when it finally happened, I was caught completely by surprise.

I saved the document and closed the computer. I paced nervously around the house for an hour or so, then sat back down to re-read the last paragraph, not sure what I would find. To my astonishment, it was still there — the last sentence — and the sensation I had was unlike anything I'd felt before, or have felt since. Not happiness or pride, not fear or abandonment, but some unholily combination of all four of these discrete emotions. I'd been thinking about this book for five years, been writing it for more than two, and suddenly I'd come to the end. My fingers tingled. My head ached. I had nothing to do.

The next day I put the document on a USB drive and biked over to a shop on Grand Avenue to have a few copies printed out. It was a beautiful day, clear and sunny, the sort of December morning which makes one appreciate California living. The rest of the nation shivered through winter, but I wore a t-shirt and sunglasses, and had finished a novel (or a version of something that would three years later be a novel). I told myself this over and over, feeling at once carefree and agitated. Only when it was done, when the copy shop attendant passed me the three copies, did I realize how much it weighed. I'd never seen the entire thing printed out, never held it in my hands, and in my haste, I'd brought nothing to carry it home in. I couldn't very well ride with this much paper under my arm, could I? I was too impatient to leave it at the shop and come back later, so we found a plastic bag, put the novel inside, and I pedaled home with three copies of the manuscript swinging happily from the handlebars. I was only a block from the shop, feeling quite content, when the novel got stuck in the spokes of the front wheel. The bike jerked to a halt, flipped dramatically, and sent me catapulting onto the asphalt.

I was not that hurt, and the street, at least, was warm. I lay on my back for a moment, catching my breath, as cars swarmed

around me, running over the manuscript pages strewn about the road. Someone came to ask if I was all right. "I'm fine," I said, and it was true, just skinned elbows and sore wrists, but the fall must have been spectacular. A small crowd had gathered to watch me. This kind stranger helped me gather my things and push the ruined bike to the relative safety of the sidewalk. My front wheel was hopelessly bent, the bike unrideable. One of the copies of the novel was damaged; the other two, thankfully, were fine.

His little episode was so noxiously, so self-evidently meaningful — a man nearly killed by his novel — that I decided to take a trip. I gave up my room, set the book aside and flew to Buenos Aires, where I spent a week and spoke to no one. Without my characters I felt very alone. I drank a lot; I watched people; I tried to have fun. When I got bored, I went to Chile, and a few months later I found myself in a small town on the Pacific coast called La Serena. It was the *Feria Internacional del Libro*, though it seemed mine was the only international presence in town, and I was only there by accident. Alejandra, a novelist friend of mine, had come up from Santiago to give a reading, and we were going to meet up after the festival with some people she knew and head to the beach. Or something like that. I can't remember exactly. I do remember however, very clearly, milling around after her reading and noticing a rather small, hunched and nervous-looking man hovering about the edge of the gathering. He was around fifty years old, with short, light brown hair, and a face lined with worry. His metal-frame glasses kept slipping down the bridge of his nose. Alejandra was signing books and talking to the writers who'd just been on the panel with her, and this man circled around them, looking for a way to join the conversation. Everyone was deliberately and quite obviously ignoring him. They knew him. Eventually, he gave up and turned to me. He asked if he could give me a book.

"Sure," I said.

A poetry reading had begun by then, and we stood listening. The novelists took their conversation out of earshot, and the man giving away his books watched with envy as they wandered away. Chileans — God bless them — live and breathe poetry, and a very attentive crowd had gathered to listen to the reading, but the man next to me was not impressed. He spoke in a shrill whisper. Free verse has ruined poetry, he told me, and now anybody could claim to be a poet. "Do you hear that?" he said, waving a dismissive hand at the stage. I tried to listen. The reading disgusted him. "Sonnets, young man! Sonnets! What is classic never goes out of style."

I nodded, and he took the opportunity to introduce himself. "Enrique, the most published writer in Latin America."

"How many books?"

"Three-hundred sixty-three," Enrique said, beaming, and then recited a few notable figures from his vast bibliography: ninety-three books of essays, sixty-seven books about women, forty novels, one hundred or so books of sonnets.

Naturally, I let him keep talking. He'd moved to Chile some thirty years before — that is, he left Spain just after Franco died, and relocated to Pinochet's Chile. I did the math, and took a step back. He owned a few buildings and lived off the rents, which allowed him to dedicate all his time to literature. He started writing in 1998, he told me, and spent a day or two on each book. "I think in meter," he said at one point, in a voice that can only be described as harrowing.

When I told him I was Peruvian, he said he'd written a few novels about my country, and those were the ones he'd like to

give me. If it was okay with me. *A few novels* — this was the phrase he used. I found it astonishing. It's not even his country, I thought, and this man has written two. What have I done?

"Of course," I said.

It was the entire premise of writing turned upside down: the goal was to produce pages, meter, rhyme, and finally books in industrial quantities, all these words worth nothing unless they are bound and lining the shelves of one's own home. There is something narcissistic in the writing of a novel, to be sure, but I've never heard it expressed with such glaring honesty. My experience — I've abandoned more than five novels, and finished only one — couldn't have been more different.

Enrique came by my hotel the next morning with two books: one called *Resentment*, about a Peruvian who hates Spaniards because of the Conquest, and another called *July 28, Day of Peru*, a novel/sonnet in honor of the natural beauty of my country. Both were slim, printed with humongous type, and far be it from me to say what is and what is not a novel, but ... Of course, it is all very obvious now: Enrique was crazy. In his lunacy, he exuded a vulnerability and sadness that perhaps all writers share to some degree. He ran his fingers lovingly over the cardstock covers of his books, and explained how he had come to write them, what he was trying to say with each. I sat in the hotel lobby, sipping coffee, listening to this tender recitation, and was moved. At every other moment, Enrique spoke brusquely, without adornment, but now there was great affection in his voice, as he discussed the process, the discovery, the joy with a certain cluelessness I recognized. We don't know what we're doing, and for this very reason, we find it impossible to stop. And when we talk about writing, we are sometimes reduced to this: sentiment instead of insight, because describing what actually happens and how is next to impossible.

Like Enrique, I don't have any idea how it gets done, how a novel gets written. Perhaps if I'd written three-hundred sixty novels, the mystery would be solved — but I doubt that. The novel is an almost infinitely malleable form, and its flexibility is the key to its survival and relevance: still, even today, there are those who attempt to make sense of the world — its terror, humor, and beauty — through the reading and writing of novels. Oftentimes writing can feel overwhelmingly lonely, a fool's errand, and it's gratifying to be reminded that at any given moment, there are thousands of others, working in hundreds of languages all over the world, engaged in much the same pursuit. They, like all of us, have good days, bad days, and days where it is more useful to sit quietly and read, let the writing itself wait.

Because I was running late, I let Enrique give me a ride to a local radio station where my friend was being interviewed. We were leaving town that afternoon. He spoke without pause, relating how he'd been expelled from various writing workshops (jealousy, he said), and fought with the mayor and the editor of the paper over local political controversies not worth getting into. He'd written a book called *Letter to the Pope*, which he mailed to the Vatican, and had even received a note from a representative of John Paul II in return. A very nice letter, he said, which led to



Even today, Alarcón reminds us, there are those who attempt to make sense of the world through the reading and writing of novels.

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his follow-up *Response to a Letter from the Pope*, the "novel" he was most proud of. I should be on these panels at the Book Fair, Enrique said, after all, he had the most number of books at the local library! I was silent. I hadn't brought my manuscript with me. I'd done my best to put it out of my mind, and not be a writer for just a little while. In spite of my best intentions, I thought about my characters every single day.

"I'm going to the beach," I said. "I'm on vacation."

"How long?"

"Three days. Maybe four."

Enrique smiled. "By the time you come back, I will have finished another novel."

"Amazing," I said, nodding.

He shrugged, and looked tired all of the sudden. "If your friend Alejandra wants to leave me a book, she can," he said.

For a moment, I thought he might cry. His face clouded, his eyes closed, but then it passed and he was himself again. "If she doesn't want to that's fine too. I've published many more books than she has."

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Pearls of Yiddish Poetry by Joseph and Chana Milotek; translated by Barnett Zumoff '45. An overview of the lives and works of Yiddish-speaking poets who wrote between the mid-19th and mid-20th centuries (Ktav Publishing House, \$39.50).

Snow Falling from a Bamboo Leaf: The Art of Haiku by Hagi Akmakjian '48. Akmakjian details the history of the haiku as a poetic form and provides translations of classic Japanese examples (Lulu Enterprises, \$11.08).

Tech Transfer: Science, Money, Love, and the Ivory Tower by Daniel S. Greenberg '53. Greenberg pokes fun at elite universities in this satirical novel about the pitfalls of academia (Kanaawha Press, \$14.95).

The American Golfer: A Novel by Anthony Robinson '53. Robinson's protagonist travels to Ireland in search of golf and relaxation but instead finds romance and political intrigue (Bluestone Books, \$14.95).

Decline and Revival in Higher Education by Herbert I. London '60. The author claims that American colleges and universities have lowered their academic standards and become bastions of political extremism in recent years (Transaction Publishers, \$39.95).

Thalassa: One Week in a Provincetown Dune Shack by Allen Young '62. During August 2007, the author traveled to Provincetown, Mass., where he spent a week living alone in a small shack. He reflects on the experience in this short volume (Haley's, \$9.95).

The Fiery Trial: Abraham Lincoln and American Slavery by Eric Foner '63. The DeWitt Clinton Professor of History, Foner examines the mix of principle and pragmatism that characterized Lincoln's approach to slavery before and during the Civil War (W.W. Norton & Co., \$29.95).

Oskar Panizza and The Love Council: A History of the Scandalous Play on Stage and in Court, with the Complete Text in English and a Biography of the Author by Peter D.G. Brown '64. This text introduces readers to Panizza, a German author who was imprisoned for blasphemy in 1895 after writing a play about the first known outbreak of syphilis (McFarland & Co., Inc., \$49.95).

Time's Dual Nature: A Common-Sense Approach to Quantum Physics by Jonathan Deutsch '70. Deutsch uses layman's language to explain the fundamental properties of matter and time (CreateSpace, \$16.95).

Tales from the Sausage Factory: Making Laws in New York State by Daniel L. Feldman '70 and Gerald Benjamin. Feldman and his co-author describe how the legislation process in New York State has changed during the last three decades (Excelsior Editions, \$24.95).

A Measureless Peril: America in the Fight for the Atlantic, the Longest Battle of World War II by Richard Snow '70. This account of the struggle between German U-boats and American ships for control of

the Atlantic throughout WWII includes passages from letters written by the author's father, Richard B. Snow '26, an American naval officer during the war (Scribner, \$27).

The Best American Science Writing 2010 edited by Jerome Groopman '72 and Jesse Cohen. A collection of the year's best essays on current scientific research (Ecco, \$14.99).

Bob Dylan in America by Sean Wilentz '72. Wilentz, the Sidney and Ruth Lapidus Professor of History at Princeton, chronicles the most significant events in the professional life of the man he calls the "greatest American songwriter of the last 50 years" (Doubleday, \$28.95).

The Man Who Saved New York: Hugh Carey and the Great Fiscal Crisis of 1975 by Seymour P. Lachman and Robert Polner '82. The authors argue that the leadership of Governor Hugh L. Carey was crucial in saving New York City from bankruptcy during the mid-1970s (Excelsior Editions, \$24.95).

The Long Run: A New York City Firefighter's Triumphal Comeback from Crash Victim to Elite Athlete by Matt Long and Charles Butler '85. Aided by Butler, Long tells the story of his physical and emotional recovery from a near-fatal traffic accident (Rodale Books, \$25.99).

Lady Lazarus by Michele Lang '89. Set in Budapest during the summer before WWII, this supernatural thriller combines elements of history and fantasy (Tor Books, \$14.99).

Young World Rising: How Youth, Technology, and Entrepreneurship are Changing the World from the Bottom Up by Rob Salkowitz '89. Salkowitz analyzes the economic role played by the Net Generation in developing countries as well as in the first world (Wiley, \$29.95).

Laundry Can Wait by Dorothy Cadet '96. The author advises women on how to balance the stresses of work, marriage and motherhood (Dog Ear Publishing, \$13.95).

Stiltville: A Novel by Susanna Daniel '97. Daniel's debut book centers on the romance between an Atlanta native and a Floridian lawyer as it develops across 30 years (Harper, \$24.99).

Hokkeji and the Reemergence of Female Monastic Orders in Pre-modern Japan by Lori Meeks '98. The author discusses the role of women in the Japanese Buddhist tradition, focusing on the history of a single convent (University of Hawaii Press, \$50).

Dirty Sexy Politics by Meghan McCain '07. McCain looks back on her father John's 2008 presidential campaign and speculates about the future of the Republican Party (Hyperion, \$23.99).

Higher Education?: How Colleges Are Wasting Our Money and Failing Our Kids — And What We Can Do about It by Andrew Hacker and Claudia Dreifus, adjunct associate professor of international and



Danielle Evans '04 Sees the Past in the Present

By GRACE LAIDLAW '11

In her new collection of short stories, **Danielle Evans '04** challenges both social boundaries and stylistic conventions. The author's first full-length work, *Before You Suffocate Your Own Fool Self* (Riverhead Books, \$25.95), is set in modern-day America. Evans' characters live in a world of uncertainty and contradiction. In "Robert E. Lee is Dead," a teenager rises to the top of her high school class only to jeopardize her graduation by pulling a dangerous prank. In "Snakes," a biracial girl is tormented by her white grandmother. Children are expected to make adult choices, and prejudice persists even as the lines between ethnic groups grow fuzzy.

At the same time, Evans' narrative style departs from traditional literary conventions. She mixes informal vernacular with elegant prose, creating characters whose most poignant remarks are hidden in their most casual comments. Evans also collapses time and space in her narration; though none of the stories in her debut collection is longer than 40 pages, many of them span several years and a wide range of geographic locations. In "The King of a Vast Empire," a brother and sister travel from Massachusetts to Maryland to Washington, D.C., all in the course of a single night. "Jellyfish" reveals an entire family history by telling the story of one father-daughter lunch.

Evans' treatment of time has thematic implications for her work. In the minds of her characters, the line between the present and the past often is blurred. "I think readers will notice how present the past is in the book," says Evans. "Again and again, characters find that they can never fully escape their histories."

One boundary that Evans sees as sacred is the line between truth and fiction. Though she has undergraduate degrees in anthropology and African American studies, Evans chose to become a fiction writer because, as she explains it, she has too much respect for the truth.

"I loved studying anthropology because it opened up the way I think about people and the world," she says. When reading interviews and historical documents, however, she found herself frustrated. "As an anthropologist, I had to observe and report events exactly as they happened, but I often thought that I could tell a better story."

Rather than risk embellishing the truth, Evans turned to fiction. Of course, her stories are not pure invention. Bits and pieces of the author's own life have found their way into her writing. Asked whether she is afraid that people she knows will recognize themselves in her characters, however, Evans laughs.

"People are only right about 50 percent of the time, and as long as you don't tell them which 50 percent, they'll never know."

While her anthropology studies led Evans to think about the di-

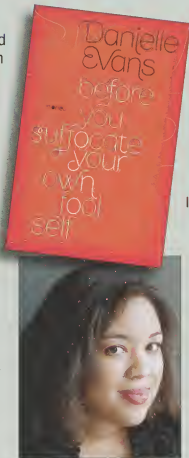


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vide between truth and fiction, other classes shaped the way she thought about writing. Columbia marked Evans' first real exposure to contemporary literature, and she recalls being particularly inspired by Junot Diaz's use of vernacular and Toni Morrison's complex narrative structure. Evans also credits Morrison with proving to her that the topics she was most interested in writing about—including African-American culture and female relationships—were worthy subjects for literary exploration. "I think I needed to read her before I could give myself permission to write," Evans says.

Evans' father is a College alumnus and her mother a Barnard alumna, and Evans initially was reluctant to follow them to Morningside Heights. "There was just so much history there," Evans says. "I didn't want to feel like I was copying their example." Her parents had to bully her into visiting the campus; once she did, she was enamored.

Evans made the most of her Columbia experience, becoming head of the Pan African House and political secretary of the Black Students' Organization, among other activities. She also wrote a weekly opinion column, "(Re-)Education," for *Spectator*. Along with her two majors, Evans pursued a creative writing track. She says she especially enjoyed classes with Colin Harrison and Victor LaValle. In fact, several of the stories in Evans' book began as assignments for undergraduate writing courses.

Given that she's been revising some of her stories since college, it is perhaps not surprising that Evans feels more than ready to move on to her next project. "It's like I just got engaged, and everyone keeps talking about my ex-boyfriend," she says. She is working on a novel, tentatively titled *The Empire Has No Clothes*, about a young woman who is asked to rewrite a history textbook for a progressive charter school.

Though many of the stylistic elements that define her first book will reappear in this next work, Evans says the project will be something of a departure for her. "Writing a novel forced me to think about structure in a new way," she says. The story has been especially challenging to construct, Evans says, because large chunks of it are set in the past. Beyond these details, she refuses to reveal too much about her latest work, but she does promise an engaging read.

"It's been a lot of fun to write," Evans says. "The characters get up to all sorts of shenanigans."

Grace Laidlaw '11 is majoring in creative writing and psychology. She is director of Columbia's peer counseling hotline and contributes regularly to CCT.

public affairs. In their critique of the modern system of higher education in the United States, the authors point to oversized bureaucracies and unreasonable tuition costs (Times Books, \$26).

The Lucky Ones: One Family and the Extraordinary Invention of Chinese America by Mae Ngai, the

Lung Family Professor of Asian American Studies and professor of history. Ngai's multigenerational history of the Tapes, a Chinese family that immigrated to the United States during the 18th century, offers insight into the challenges of integration and the complexities of the immigrant identity (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, \$26).

Crisis on Campus: A Bold Plan for Reforming Our Colleges and Universities by Mark C. Taylor, professor and department chair of religion. Taylor identifies flaws in the current American university system and proposes an alternative model that privileges teaching over research and places greater emphasis on interdisciplinary study (Knopf, \$24).

The Isle of Monte Cristo: Finding the Inner Treasure by S.T. Georgiou. Georgiou's reflections on Christian theology are inspired by the writings of poets and close friends Thomas Merton '38 and Robert La '38 (Novalis Publishing, \$19.95).

Grace Laidlaw '11



Obituaries

1933

John R. Phelps, music teacher, Sun City Center, Fla., on March 4, 2010. Phelps was born on May 2, 1909. At Columbia, he was a member of the Iota Chapter of the Phi Kappa Sigma Fraternity. Phelps earned an M.A. from Teachers College in 1936 and a Ph.D. in musical composition from the Institute of Musical Art, a branch of Wayne State in Detroit. During WWII, he served as an anti-aircraft officer, as an instructor in the Officer Candidate School at Camp Davis, N.C., and in the Philippine Islands. Phelps was the organist and choir director at Trinity Methodist Church in Highland Park, Mich., and Nardin Park Methodist Church in Farmington Hills, Mich., and organist at the United Methodist Church in Sun City Center. He composed many works, including *Piano Concerto in D Minor for Piano and Orchestra*, the third movement of which was performed by the Florida Orchestra on May 28, 2009, in celebration of his 100th birthday. Phelps was predeceased by his wife of 56 years, Dorothy Schultz Phelps, and a daughter, Janis Benner. He is survived by a daughter, Nancy; four grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. Memorial contributions may be sent to the Emergency Squad or the Security Patrol, both of Sun City Center, Fla.

1942

David P. Harrison, retired market analyst, Madison, Wis., on February 3, 2010. Born in Liverpool, England, on March 3, 1922, Harrison moved with his family to Brooklyn at 11. He lived most of his life in New York

City and moved to Madison with his wife, Shirley, in 2003. Harrison served in the Army from November 1942 to November 1945, including service in Europe in the Battle of the Bulge. He earned an M.A. in economics in 1949 from GSAS. Harrison was a market analyst in the textile industry in New York and traveled widely for work and in retirement. He maintained close friendships with classmates from both Erasmus Hall H.S. and the College, going on cruises with high school friends and attending College reunions. He is survived by his children, Tom and his wife, Carolyn, Joan Provencer and her husband, Bill, and Roger; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. Harrison was preceded in death by his wife of 58 years and by his brother, John '38, '52 GSAS. Memorial contributions may be made to The Capitol Lakes Foundation, 333 W. Main St., Madison, WI 53703.

1943

Henry Corey, attorney, Falmouth, Mass., on February 27, 2010. Born in Oak Bluffs, Mass., Corey was an Army veteran, serving as a medic with the 47th Field Hospital during WWII. He was in Normandy, France, in 1944, taking part in the Battle of the Bulge, and was honorably discharged in 1945. Corey graduated from Fordham Law in 1949 and was admitted to the Massachusetts Bar the same year. He conducted a private practice on Martha's Vineyard for more than 50 years. In 1955, Corey and the late John W. Osborne co-founded the Dukes County Savings Bank, now Martha's Vineyard Savings Bank, and the Bank of Woods Hole, where he was a trustee/officer until his death. A lifelong member of the VFW, DAV and the American Legion, Corey was dedicated to the recognition of service people in the local community. An avid jogger, he won several Martha's Vineyard Road Races into his late 70s. Corey volunteered at the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution. He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Patricia (Kiley) Corey; son, Sean J., and his wife, Kristin; daughter, Kathleen Lynch and her husband, William; and six grandchildren. Memorial contributions may be made to VFW, MV Post 9261, PO Box, 1437 Vineyard Haven, MA 02568.

1944

John J. Donohue Jr., retired market research manager, Hamden, Conn.,

on February 4, 2010. Donohue was born on June 24, 1923, in the Bronx, N.Y. He served in the Army Signal Corps and participated in the Battle of the Bulge. Donohue earned an M.A. at Teachers College. He taught junior high school, worked for the federal government in Washington, D.C.; the New York State Labor Department; Republic Aircraft on Long Island; and was the market research manager for U.S. Motors, a division of Emerson Electric, for many years before his retirement. He also was a Justice of the Peace. Donohue received the National AARP Award in 1992, the Distinguished Service Award from the Caucus of Connecticut Democrats in 1991, the 1997 Certificate of Merit from the Connecticut Association of Boards of Education and the Secretary of State's Public Service Award in 2002. In addition to his wife of 60 years, Mildred Sileo Donohue, survivors include his children, Jeanne D. Miner and her husband, Bruce, and John J. III and his wife, Maureen; six grandchildren; a great-grandson; and five nieces and nephews. Memorial contributions may be made to Holy Infant Church, 450 Racebrook Rd., Orange, CT 06477 or American Legion Post #127, 630 Grassy Hill Rd., Orange, CT 06477.

1949

Clyde R. Hampton, environmental attorney, Aurora, Colo., on February 14, 2010. Hampton was born on May 10, 1926, in Worland, Wyo. At the College, he played four years of varsity football and was on the team that beat Army in 1947. Hampton was a captain in the Navy Reserve and a commanding officer of the Naval Intelligence Unit at NORAD in Colorado Springs. He graduated from the University of Colorado Law School and was active in the Colorado Bar Association, the American Bar Association, the Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Institute and the American Petroleum Institute. As a pioneering environmental attorney, Hampton was known nationally for special contributions to environmental law and was employed for 33 years as a general attorney for Conoco. Hampton also was a founding officer for the Association for Retarded Citizens and was a deacon at Cherry Creek Presbyterian Church as well as an avid golfer and skier. He is survived by his wife, Dorothy L.; daughter, Dorothy N.; a sister, and numerous in-laws, nieces and nephews. Memorial contributions may be made to Cherry Creek Pres-

byterian Church, 10150 E. Bellevue Ave., Englewood, CO 80111.

1950

Frank P. McDermott, retired deputy assistant treasurer, Agawam, Mass., on December 11, 2009. McDermott was born on December 22, 1926, in New York City and was a graduate of the Mamaroneck H.S. Class of 1944. After serving with the Navy during WWII, he earned a bachelor's in business from Columbia. McDermott worked for Hartford Life Insurance and later was deputy assistant treasurer for the State of Connecticut, retiring in 1994 after 12 years. McDermott enjoyed gardening, bird watching, reading and UCONN sports. He was predeceased by his wife, Margaret (Doodly) McDermott, a brother, Jim, and a sister, Jean Brennan. McDermott is survived by his daughters, Anne, Elizabeth and her husband, Martin Bak, and Clare O'Malley and her husband, John; and six grandchildren. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, 2550 U.S. Highway 1, North Brunswick, NJ 08902-4301.

1954

Thomas J. O'Grady, thoracic and cardiovascular surgeon, Toledo, Ohio, on February 28, 2010. O'Grady was born September 21, 1933, in Jersey City, N.J. After medical school at Cornell, from where he graduated in 1958, he served as a captain in the Air Force Medical Corps and was stationed in Thule, Greenland. O'Grady moved to Toledo upon completion of his training at Boston City Hospital, Case Western Reserve University and the Cleveland Clinic. He was on the staff at Flower Hospital, The Toledo Hospital, St. Charles Hospital, Mercy Hospital and The Medical College of Ohio. O'Grady retired from surgical practice with the Toledo Clinic on December 31, 1999, and continued his involvement in quality assurance programs. He was an avid fisherman and enjoyed gardening with his wife of 47 years, Inez, as well as family vacations. In addition to his wife, he is survived by his daughters, Naomi and Claudia; sons, Justin '89, and Matthew and his wife, Sarah; and sister, Jane. Memorial contributions may be made to the Flower Hospital Foundation or the Toledo Botanical Gardens.

1956

Alan N. Miller, retired nephrologist, New York City, on August 20,

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Alan N. Miller '56

2010. Miller earned a B.S. in 1957 from the Engineering School and an M.S. in finance in 1958 from the Business School. Prior to becoming a nephrologist, he was an engineer. Miller served as a captain in the Special Forces training, Green Berets. An avid learner, he took classes at Columbia all his life. President of his College class as well as his class' CCT Class Notes correspondent for many years, Miller worked tirelessly to keep his classmates connected. He attended many Columbia events and was deeply involved in class activities and lunches. Some fellow Columbians referred to him as "The Class Act." An advocate of the 3 x 5 index card form of organization, he also was a proud cigar smoker, stock watcher and wine collector. Miller was widowed after 37 years of marriage to Libby Shana Halpern Miller Ph.D. He is survived by his partner, Helen Ruddy; mother, Iris; daughter and son-in-law, Elisa Miller and Greg Griffin; daughter, Jennifer van Voort van Beest; sisters, Barbara and her husband, Maurice Kupritz, and Mona and her husband, Lee Berg; and four grandchildren. Memorial contributions may be made to the Columbia College Class of '56 Scholarship Fund.

1957

Albert J. Anton Jr., oil analyst, Louisville, Ky., on April 10, 2010. Anton was a graduate of Chaminade H.S. on Long Island and the Wharton School. At Columbia, he was president of Delta Upsilon Fraternity and was a member of the Newman Club. Anton had a long career as an oil analyst and was for more than 30 years a partner and director of research with Carl H. Pforsheimer & Co. in New York. He was a chartered financial analyst and a past president and honorary life member of the National Association of Petroleum Investment Analysts. Anton was a featured guest on the popular television show *Wall Street Week*. A former New Jersey resident, Anton served on the Board of Trustees of South Orange, was chairman of the board of the YMCA of the Oranges and was a member of the Advisory Board of St. Benedict's

Prep in Newark. He was recently an instructor with the Veritas Society at Bellarmine University in Louisville. Anton is survived by his wife of 51 years, Sara (Lembcke) '58 Barnard; daughter, Claire; and sons, Christopher and Thomas. Memorial contributions may be made to Food for the Poor at foodforthepeople.org.

1961

Robert L. Trelstad, physician, Princeton, N.J., on February 15, 2010. Trelstad was born in Redding, Calif., and raised in Salem, Ore. He graduated from Harvard Medical School in 1966, where he worked with the pioneers of cell biology. Trelstad was a resident at Massachusetts General Hospital and in 1972 became an assistant professor at Harvard Medical School. From 1975-81, he was chief of pathology at the Shriners Burns Institute in Boston. In 1981, Trelstad became chair of pathology at Robert Wood Johnson Medical School in Piscataway, N.J., and in 1998 founded the Child Health Institute of New Jersey. He also founded Key-board Publishing, which developed computer-based learning products, and chaired the Health Professions Advising Committee at Princeton. Trelstad is survived by his wife of 48

years, Barbara; brothers, John and Donald '69, '73 P&S; sons, Derek '91 Arch, Graham '89, Brian and Jeremy '97; and five granddaughters.

1970

Robert W. Butterfield, sexton, Bethlehem, Pa., on January 5, 2010. Butterfield was born on November 7, 1948. A lifelong resident of Bethlehem, he was a graduate of Moravian Preparatory School and the inaugural session of the Citizens Academy of Bethlehem. After a career in home renovation, he served as sexton for Central Moravian Church for 24 years, turning his role as curator of historic properties into a unique ministry to the church and congregation. As a member of the Bethlehem Area Moravian Trombone Choir, Butterfield took part in his mission trip to Jamaica in 2005. He also was a board member of the South Bethlehem Neighborhood Center, secretary/treasurer of the Sacristans Corp at Central Moravian, treasurer of the Wednesday Men's Bible Study and treasurer of the Bethlehem Area Moravian Trombone Choir. Butterfield is survived by his wife of 14 years, Helenann Celecz Butterfield; son, Joseph Florio; brothers, Nicho-

las and his wife, Rachel Osborn, and Jonathan and his wife, Sally Lifland; sister, Janice Ostrock and her husband, David; in-laws, Pam and Louis Celecz Jr.; and several nephews and nieces.

1987

Albert J. Weisel, freelance writer, New York City, on February 27, 2010. Weisel was born on July 18, 1963. He wrote for publications such as *Rolling Stone*, *The Washington Post*, *New York Newsday*, *US Premiere*, *Spin*, *Tracks*, *George*, *Travel & Leisure*, *Out*, *Time Out New York* and *The Bulletin* (Australia). From 1999-2002, Weisel was the movies editor at CDNow, where he launched the video/DVD section. In October 2005, *Live Fast, Die Young: The Wild Ride of Making Rebel Without a Cause*, a book co-authored with Larry Frascella, was published, which explores the making of the film *Rebel Without a Cause* and in particular the relationships between director Nicholas Ray and leading actors James Dean and Natalie Wood. Weisel was known as Jon Swift in the blogosphere, where he wrote a satirical political blog (jon swift.blogspot.com).

Lisa Palladino



OTHER DEATHS REPORTED

Columbia College Today also has learned of the following deaths. Complete obituaries will be published in an upcoming issue, pending receipt of information. Due to the volume of obituaries that CCT receives, it may take several issues for the complete obituary to appear.

1933 Clarence Barasch, New York City, on August 31, 2010.

1935 William C. Oberkirch, retired engineer, Old Lyme, Conn., on June 6, 2010.

1936 Herbert M. Olnick, retired radiologist, Blue Ridge, Ga., on July 25, 2010.

1940 Robert Benjamin, retired textile executive, New Rochelle, N.Y., on August 27, 2010.

1941 Cecil H. London, magazine executive, Greenbrae, Calif., on August 21, 2010.

1943 Edward M. Marwell, Mount Kisco, N.Y., on September 7, 2010.

1947 Edward B. Gold, retired writer and editor, New York City, on September 9, 2010.

Ellis Levine, Bronx, N.Y., on September 5, 2010.

Robert H. Marshall, business executive, El Paso, Texas, on August 20, 2010.

1948 Marvin A. Schlaff, UN official, New York City, on August 18, 2010.

Irwin F. "Woody" Woodland, retired attorney, Seattle, on August 25, 2010.

1949 David N. Ilchert, retired INS executive, Novato, Calif., on August 9, 2010.

Francois D. Vaillant, teacher, Pensacola, Fla., on September 14, 2010.

1950 William J. Hill, quality control expert, Weston, Conn., on September 20, 2010.

1952 Donald J. Bainton, business executive, Boca Raton, Fla., on June 13, 2010.

Thomas E. Murray Sr., retired advertising executive, Venice, Fla., on August 5, 2010.

Eugene C. Thomas, attorney, Boise, Idaho, on September 13, 2010.

Harold H. "Hal" Wanamaker, retired otolaryngologist, Syracuse, on August 29, 2010.

Vernon C. Wynott Jr., sales executive, referee, Belmont, Mass., on April 17, 2010.

1953 William M. Bason, physician, Chesapeake, Va., on September 18, 2010.

Erik D. Wensberg, writer and editor, New York City, on June 5, 2010.

1954 Daniel R. Thompson Jr., retired insurance executive, Queensbury, N.Y., on June 17, 2010.

1956 Seymour Wallace, anesthesiologist, Los Altos, Calif., on August 25, 2010.

1960 John M. Radbill, Albuquerque, N.M., on August 7, 2010.

1962 David M. Lowrey, economics professor, Paris, France, on February 27, 2010.

Odavda Yesodi, Laguna Woods, Calif., on August 22, 2010.

1964 Leslie M. "Les" Pockell, publishing executive, literary anthropologist, White Plains, N.Y., on July 26, 2010.

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Robert Benjamin '40, a retired textile executive, passed away in New Rochelle, N.Y., on August 27. Bob was born on June 6, 1919, in New York City. He served with the Fifth Air Corps in the Pacific and came home from Japan in 1945. He is survived by his wife, Betty K.; sons, John and Richard; and grandson, Scott.

Share your news with *Columbia College Today*. Your classmates and fellow alumni want to hear about your families, travels, adventures, memories of your time in Morning-side Heights and your thoughts on the state of the world. Submit a Class Note to Associate Editor Ethan Rouen '04 by e-mail at ecr2102@columbia.edu or by postal mail at the address above.

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The old expression "no news is good news" is not good news for the writer of this column. I assume most of you had a relaxing summer and fall, and did I, and were too busy lolling on the beach and playing tennis to take the time to update us on your activities.

A call, e-mail or letter would be appreciated.

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The *New York Times* of July 1 had a brief obituary on **Sanford Bayer**,

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who died on June 27. The cause and place of his death were not mentioned. I knew Sandy when we ran on the freshman cross country team together. He was tall, thin, fast, had excellent stamina and always finished far ahead of me in our races. I never saw Sandy again after graduation and did not know anything about his military service (if any) during WWII. He became an antique and fine arts dealer in New York City and California, and finally in Wellfleet, Mass, before his retirement and death. He was the father of a daughter, Susan, and a son, Fred. No further information is available at the time of this writing.

Our Alumni Office notified me of the death of **Frank Gherardi** on June 28 at his home in Wethersfield, Conn. Frank entered Columbia with our Class of 1942 but left for military service in WWII, serving as an interpreter in an intelligence unit in France. Post-war, Frank returned to Columbia and graduated from the Business School in 1947 with a degree in accounting. He then worked for Arthur Young & Co., Catawba Corp. and as a partner in the accounting firm of Gherardi & O'Donnell. In 1956, Frank married Mary Markstein, who survives him, along with their daughter, Mary Elizabeth; granddaughter, Luz Elena; niece, Sr. Patricia Gould; and several additional nieces and nephews. Frank was fluent in Italian and French and was a family historian with an encyclopedic memory and memorable narrative style. We extend our condolences to his wife and to all members of his family.

Our Alumni Office also notified me of the death of **Franklin Joseph Tobey II** on May 6 in Purcellville, Va. Frank was a retired lieutenant colonel in the Army and former editor of the *Annual Report to Congress* from the U.S. Energy Department. He earned a master's in economics at Columbia in 1947. Franklin also was associate editor of *Public Utility Reports* from 1947-57, director of public relations at W.E. Hamilton Associates, 1957-58 and a public information officer at the Atomic Energy Commission in 1958. In WWII, Franklin served as a medical corps motor transport officer in Europe. He was a multi-talented polymath, serving as a merit badge counselor in mineralogy, atomic energy and herpetology, and writing articles on these subjects for *Collier's Encyclopedia Yearbook*. He also was a member of the National Press Club.

Franklin wrote several letters to

me in recent years, some of which I summarized in a Class Note about him in the May/June 2008 issue of *CCT* (college.columbia.edu/cct/may_jun08). He reminisced about his classes in politics and public administration with Professor Lawrence Chamberlain '45 GSAS and his 7 p.m. zoology labs with Professor James McGregor. He had been a zealous Elderhostel traveler, with visits to Hawaii, England, Scotland, Wales, Eire, Colorado, California, New England and Canada. Franklin was devoted to Columbia and suggested that the *CCT* editors write an article on Deans Herbert Hawkes, Harry Carman and Harry Coleman '46 because he had positive memories of all of them.

Franklin is survived by his brother, Dr. John R.; children, Carolyn Tobey Berardesco, Franklin Joseph III and Alix Tobey Southwick; six grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. We thank Alix for sending us information about Franklin, and we send our condolences to his family.

On August 12, I received a nice note from **Bill Mazarrella**, who enclosed a copy of *News Of The Few*, the newsletter of the Maj. Gen. Raymond L. Murray Chapter of The Chosin Few. Bill is a member of the Chosin Few, having fought with the Marine Corps in that terrible battle and retreated from the Chosin Reservoir in Korea in November-December 1950. Our Marine and Allied Force of 15,000 men was surrounded by 120,000 Communist Chinese troops and sustained 12,000 casualties, including 3,000 KIA, before reaching their Hungnam evacuation objective, bringing out their dead and wounded in sub-zero weather. Sixty years later, on a much warmer and happier day, July 3, Bill participated in a reunion parade of The Chosin Few in Oceanside, Calif. At 90, Bill completed the parade, pushing his walker ahead of him along the way to the end. Bill also told me he is "still in love with Marguerite," his longtime and beautiful life partner. I hope to hear from Bill again when he joins the Centenarian Club in 2020, and many times before that, too. Congratulations, Bill!

With great sadness, I must report the death of Marilyn Wellington, wife of **Arthur Wellington**, on August 14 in Elmira, N.Y. Marilyn and Art were married in 1944, when Marilyn graduated from Syracuse and Art was a Marine lieutenant in WWII, in which he served as an anti-

lery officer in the Pacific campaigns. After the war, Art and Marilyn settled in Elmira, N.Y., where they raised four children, and Marilyn, who had been valedictorian of her class at Syracuse Central H.S., became active in church affairs and educational programs for the wider Elmiria community. Marilyn was a brilliant, modest polymath, with wide knowledge of the arts, literature, science and nature. She was a gifted teacher and was an inspiration to members of numerous social service organizations in Elmira, including leadership in volunteer work in the local prison system.

Art became a prominent optometrist in Elmira, a part-owner of the minor-league baseball team and a harness-racing enthusiast. In 2003, my wife, Leslie, and I had a wonderful vacation visit with Art and Marilyn at their summer cottage on the water in Tenant's Harbor, Maine. We had not seen each other for many, many years, and it gave us a chance to reminisce about those happy pre-war days on the Columbia campus in 1938-42 when your correspondent was a pre-med student and Art was enrolled in the pre-optometry program, which he finished when he returned to Columbia after the war. Art celebrated his 90th birthday on May 17. We salute him for his loyal friendship, longevity and devotion to Columbia. We send condolences to him and his entire extended family on the loss of Marilyn.

As I write these notes in early September, our football team recently has been defeated by Brown in a pre-season scrimmage 31-0. Coach Norries Wilson's comments about the scrimmage were not optimistic, but I take solace in recalling that Columbia defeated Brown 28-10 at Wien Stadium in November 2009 in the final game of the Ivy League season. By the time this issue of *CCT* reaches us in November, our Lions will have played much of their schedule, and we will know more about our current and future prospects for an Ivy League championship. It has been a long wait since our last one in 1961. If we cannot do it this year, it would be a great accomplishment to win it in 2011, the 50th anniversary of our last championship, a year in which almost all surviving members of this Great Class of 1942 will have reached their 90th birthdays.

Please note my new postal address, at the top of the column. Kind regards and best wishes to all.

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The last Class Notes column mentioned Columbia's first professor of Italian, Lorenzo Da Ponte, who was librettist for three of Mozart's most popular operas. A more recent history linking Columbia with the entertainment world is to be found in the book *A Fine Romance: Jewish Songwriters, American Songs* by David Lehman '70. It brings to the fore the parts played by several Columbia alumni in the jazz/swing era. Many memorable songs and great Broadway shows were the work of Richard Rodgers '23, working first with Lorenz Hart '18 and later with Oscar Hammerstein II '16. Rodgers and Hart met as Columbia students and got their start by writing books and music for school shows. Another productive team, with more tenuous Columbia connections, however, was Arthur Schwartz and Harold Dietz '40.

My summer was busy with medical meetings in Williamsburg and Stockholm. My wife and I stopped off in the Shetland Islands on our way back from Sweden just for fun and touring. We were not disappointed. We then visited old friends in the highlands of Scotland. In August, we saw 13 members of the family in Bermuda for a week. It is a biennial gathering so we keep in touch. Great setting for that.

John Zullo waited 60 years for his WWII Philippine Liberation Medal (with one star). It was finally awarded in March. The medal was created to honor the help he and many others gave the Filipino people in freeing themselves from the Japanese during WWII. John, in a recent letter, filled in other details concerning his Navy years as well as his 40 years of industrial work in the chemical industry. At one point in the early 1940s, while working at Columbia on an M.S. (professional chemical engineering), John was in the same building as Enrico Fermi. The latter's laboratory was in the basement, dissecting the uranium atom with portentous results. John was told to "stay out of there" in no uncertain terms. It was only after the atom bomb was dropped that he understood the objective of Fermi's research.

John retired from the Navy Organized Reserves in 1951, and 24 years ago from his position as director and v.p. of synthesis manufacturing for the Amchem Agricultural Prod-

ucts Division of Union Carbide. He and his wife are well and involved with many community activities in Flemington, N.J.

John Owens '44 saw my note in the last issue of CCT regarding Professor Wilbur Frohock, who was also one of John's favorites. He added some interesting facets; for example, Frohock had been on the faculty at Brown before being recruited by Columbia.

Albert W. Cayot and I exchanged recollections of the lightweight crew and associated personalities. The lightweight coach was author Alastair McBain. Fellow crew members included John Cahill and Tom Cantor. Albert recalled an escapade when he and Tom went into the Hudson in a two-man shell against regulations, were swamped and had to be rescued.

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We recently heard that our '44 musician laureate, **Mort Lindsey**, has picked up a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Malibu Music Organization, only the second time this California cultural group has dispensed such an honor. The evening, with red-carpet reception for Mort and his wife, Judy, featured a large-screen presentation of Mort's career highlights and presentation of an Oscar-like trophy.

Mort Lindsey '44 was presented a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Malibu Music Organization.

We must bid farewell to **John Bruzza, Jack Lorick** (proud achiever of at least five holes-in-one) and **Frank Marshall**.

And on a personal note, your correspondent is saddened to hear of the departure of Charlie Cole '43, a good friend to many of us on *Spectator*, even though he was on the business rather than the editorial side.

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The Class of '45 is looking for a class correspondent to write a bimonthly column for *Columbia College Today*. If you want an open platform and a chance to reconnect with classmates, please contact Associate Editor Ethan Rouen '04J at ecr2102@columbia.edu

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At our class luncheon in the spring, **Irwin Nydick** '48 P&S told us of his pro bono work at Weill Cornell Medical Center and what has come to be known there as "Nydick Rounds." It refers to patient rounds that he makes with medical students, interns and residents the "old-fashioned way." I thought it would be interesting to have him explain the special nature of the rounds and his philosophy behind them. Irwin wrote:

"Before acceptance at P&S, I had heard that the formidable Dean Willard Rappleye strongly favored 'the whole person,' one who blended science with liberal arts and humanism. My influences at P&S were inspiring with consistent emphasis on science combined with 'the art of medicine.' The patient was central."

ment chairman, who said, "We can't afford you," to which I responded, "You don't understand. I am donating my body to the department totally gratis." With that, the deal was done, and 12 years later the deal is still solid.

"Our rounds are stereotypically structured but different in content every day. We never know the problem in advance. Each session is an intellectual adventure. We hope for a perfect history and physical examination to create an accurate image of the patient for our preliminary evaluation. Basic laboratory studies are presented, but no advanced technological tests, which I stress are confirming only after examining the patient at bedside. We discuss the family history, occupation, social history, recent travel, medications, and home and community exposures. We synthesize this information and deductively, and often intuitively, try to arrive at a proper diagnosis. Finally we review advanced studies available for confirmation purposes or change in deductive direction. We emphasize that every study, whether historical, technological or physical examination, has its own sensitivity and specificity and should be weighed accordingly. This requires a great leap of faith, as modern teaching emphasizes the technological. Unfortunately, physical examination has become a lost art, so my findings usually add disproportionate data."

Irwin points out that much of this relates to hospital medicine, but he stresses the importance of "the devoted personal practitioner who knows and cares for the patient through the years, understands nuances of the patient describing unwellness and remembers all the operations, medications and injuries. Emphasis on developing these relationships is critical in changing our patient-care system for patient and doctor satisfaction as well as for enormous savings in unnecessary tests and duplications."

I was pleased to hear from **James Ferguson's** widow, Aileen, who wrote of Jim's friendship with **Harry Coleman** and **Ed Taylor**. She also graciously thanked us for our "informative column."

Mark your calendar. The 65th anniversary reunion celebration of our class will be held on Saturday, June 3, on the Columbia campus. Certainly it is a time in our lives to be savored. An engaging, interesting program will add to the fellowship and good cheer of being with friends. Wives and friends are of course welcome. Lock in the date. We can only enjoy and celebrate the 65th once.

I am sorry to note the passing of two classmates, **Jack L. Orkin**,

a retired attorney, lived in Miami. He also received the M.S. (business) and J.D. (law) degrees at Columbia. **Frederick Holte '46E** was a retired executive with Procter and Gamble. At Columbia, he earned five varsity letters in track and field and cross country.

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I called **Masato Doi** in Honolulu, and he answered with this letter:

"Here goes nothing:
"How I got into Columbia College: When WWII broke out, I was a junior at the University of Hawaii. After serving in the Army in Italy and France till the end of the war there in 1945, I returned to Hawaii.

"A former high school teacher of mine, Edward T. White '36, '40 GSAS, got me to apply for admission to the College. This was in December 1945. Getting transportation out of Hawaii to the mainland United States being extremely difficult at the war's end, I took the first chance I got — even before receiving a reply to my application — and presented myself to the College dean (Harry Carman, if I remember correctly). He said, 'Didn't you get our letter? You were rejected.'

"He explained that College admission policy prioritized the thousands of applicants into seven categories, the highest being those who left the College in order to serve in the military, and the lowest being those who, like me, were attempting to transfer from other universities. 'But,' I told him, 'here I am in New York City all the way from Hawaii. Columbia is the only college to which I applied. I have nowhere else to go.' He gave little hope but told me to stick around and promised reconsideration. I think it was the day after Christmas.

"In mid-January 1946, I received the good news that I had been accepted. The spirit of the holiday season had worked its miracle!

"Incidentally, I was later forwarded the letter of rejection. One intriguing thing about it that I remember was that the postal stamp on its envelope was the higher-priced foreign mail stamp. Ironically, even a learned institution like Columbia did not realize that Hawaii was at the time an integral part of the United States as its territory and that a domestic stamp would have sufficed.

"I later went on to Columbia Law School ('50) and became a Hawaii state court judge (accounts for the 'Hon.' title).

I asked **George Borts**, professor of economics at Brown, for a follow-up comment on the economic scene,

and he wrote:

"At the time of writing, August 19, 2010, no one is sure what direction the U.S. economy will take in the next year. Uncertainty is high because of the terrible events of the last three years and the resulting adoption of conflicting policies by the federal government. The collapse of the sub-prime mortgage market in 2007 led to a host of financial catastrophes: the bankruptcy and/or fire sale of major finance houses such as Bear Stearns, Merrill Lynch and Lehman Brothers; and the insolvency of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, federally subsidized lenders to the mortgage markets. The financial shocks led to higher unemployment and reduced consumer spending. In 2009, General Motors went bankrupt, was rescued and reorganized with an injection of \$53 billion of public funds. Now, two years later, the home mortgage market and home construction have yet to recover, the wave of mortgage foreclosures is not yet over and the path of unemployment is still uncertain.

"The U.S. Department of the Treasury and the Federal Reserve System have spent more than \$1 trillion in an attempt to prevent financial collapse and stimulate economic recovery, but the public reaction has been sour approval rather than a restoration of economic confidence. At such times, discussions among economists are heated but inconclusive. The financial crisis has created a variety of economic pathologies, and one can find a wide range of diagnoses and cures.

"Some observers argue that the country is on the brink of deflation, i.e., a decline of price levels sufficiently great to induce households and firms to withhold current spending in the expectation of lower prices in the future. Many who hold this view have urged the federal government to press forward with greater levels of public spending and have admonished the Federal Reserve for timidity in failing to carry out a greater increase of the money supply.

"Others believe that federal stimulus actions portend inflation, because the dramatically bloated level of bank reserves and federal loans to the private sector will ultimately lead to an explosion of the price level. They urge caution in monetary policy, in the belief that inflation would increase business risk and create a further threat to business investment and expansion.

"There is disagreement over future federal tax policy. The Bush income and estate tax cuts of 2001 and 2003 are scheduled to disappear at the end of this year, and without Congressional actions will

be replaced by the significantly higher taxes that were in effect at the beginning of the decade.

"Congress is divided over the fate of the Bush tax cuts. Some wish to keep the tax rates low in the belief that recession is not the time to reduce the disposable income of American households. Some wish to restore higher taxes on the very rich (defined as income in excess of \$250,000). A third group places priority on reduction of the federal deficit in the belief that it threatens to eat up our savings, reducing the ability of business to raise new capital. They would eliminate the tax cuts entirely, and indeed some would raise taxes further and reduce federal spending.

"My belief is that the paralysis of the economy is the result of restrained consumer and business spending, caused to a large degree by economic uncertainty over future federal tax and regulatory policies. The recession will not end until there is a revival of business spending on new technology and capital good. Corporations have accumulated large cash balances but are reluctant to spend. A significant business critique of federal government policy was issued June 23 by the Business Roundtable, an organization of major business firms. It is titled *Policy Burdens Inhibiting Economic Growth* (businessroundtable.org/letters/business_roundtable_letter_honorable_peter_r_orszag).

"The 54-page report contains five major criticisms:

"1. New health care and financial reform legislation will force companies to freeze investments and hiring until they understand how they will be affected by these new mandates.

"2. The current levels of U.S. debt as well as those required to finance the forecast deficits will crowd out private capital.

"3. Proposed taxation of foreign earnings of domestic corporations will harm the ability of global American companies to create and retain U.S. jobs.

"4. The new tax on private health insurance will divert resources away from investment in new technology, processes and jobs, and will significantly raise costs.

"5. The administration has failed to move forward on pending free trade agreements and more expansive presidential trade negotiating authority.

"We seem to be repeating the history of the Great Depression of the 1930s, this time with better damage control of the economic and financial losses. But the Great Depression was extended by such policy mistakes as the Smoot-

Hawley Tariff (1930), the National Industrial Recovery Act (1933) and the Agricultural Adjustment Act (1933). Now, 80 years later, the federal government's response to crisis displays the same injurious pattern of ill-conceived economic regulation in the guise of reform. We are less likely to come out of recession quickly when government has an anti-business and anti-competitive bias."

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From **Durham Caldwell**: "Columbia alumni can now listen to music composed by two members of the class, **Dick Hyman** and **Fred Messner**.

"A new CD by the chamber music group Palisades Virtuosi features a piece by Dick, *Parable for a Parrot*. Fred says he is apologizing to Mozart for the title of his composition. Mozart penned his famous *Eine kleine Nachtmusik* (A Little Night Music). Fred's piece is a serenade — a little evening music — so he dubbed it *Eine kleine Abendmusik*."

"If you'd like to add some Class of '48 music to your record library, go to amazon.com and search for Palisades Virtuosi and New American Masters Volume 3."

Smithsonian magazine ran an article about **Allen Ginsberg's** photography in its June '10 issue.

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The summer was one of unbearable heat and humidity. Many of us experienced what I call "two Augusts" wherein the heat and humidity we traditionally associate with August was upon us through most of July as well. However, your correspondent survived and hopes you all made it through the sweaty days with some happy moments of fun in the sun.

My e-mail inbox was happily stirred by some passionate exchanges from **Basil Shanahan**,

Campbell Geeslin and Art Nolan. Basil and Campbell shared their strong feelings regarding Columbia College admissions policies and their thoughts as they recall their undergraduate adventures. It is heartening to experience the continued interest and active intellectual exercise represented by these exchanges. I extend my gratitude to both for allowing me to share in their conversation. Perhaps most interesting is the articulation of the cultural tradition of certain ethnic groups whose emphasis on academic excellence has weighed heavily on their success in college admissions.

The thought that comes across might be to value, study and emulate such tradition. It would be far more meaningful than to concern ourselves with imbalance in the ever-changing complexion of student bodies.

From Art has come a series of notes recalling one of his favorite professors as well as the mysterious "back story" surrounding that same professor. Franz Neumann was an extraordinary individual whose life story includes growing up in Germany during the first third of the 20th century, getting out from under the imminent threat of arrest by the Nazis and being the subject of suspicion regarding rumors of his supposed relationship with the KGB during and (perhaps) after WWII. None of this was proven, and he served our government honorably throughout the war and invaluable in the Nuremberg Trials as well as engaging the minds of his students at Columbia.

In these days of access to information via the various search engines on our computers, Neumann is a subject that will consume as many hours of investigation as any one of you may wish to devote.

Thank you, Art, for opening this window in history.

From **Bill Lubic**, a note of good news regarding his wife Ruth's battle with viral meningitis and a spirited report on his attendance at the memorial for Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg '59L's husband.

"One and all: It has been a difficult period but the worst is over. The viral meningitis has abated and was tough on Ruth in the first several days during the assessment process.

"As a result of the inflammation, she is still unsteady, but the tremor is almost gone, and she had made tremendous progress. As of early September, she was at the National Rehab Center in D.C., which is one of the best in the country. Thank you all for the many good wishes received.

"Parenthetically, Ruth and I had been invited to attend a memorial celebration of Justice Ginsburg's hus-

band, Martin, held at the Supreme Court. He and I were associates at WC&M.

"Together, we organized the not-for-profit American Association of Birth Centes, we exchanged recipes, and Marty and (his) Ruth were through the years continuing supporters in various ways of (my) Ruth.

"Sadly, my Ruth could not attend, but as instructed, I did. It was well attended, dignified and memorable, but hardly solemn. Marty, aside from being one of best tax lawyers ever, was a great cook, a crafty humorist and fine storyteller, and never uncomfortable as a second fiddle.

"These are my random trivia notes on the reception that followed: Justice Ginsburg expressed great concern at my wife's illness and offered her help. On the coat-tails of a ravenous Justice Antonin Scalia, we attacked the food delights as he commented that Marty's 'deconstructed' chicken was 'not to be believed.'

"I mentioned to the surprise of Mrs. Scalia that fresh black pepper was the secret ingredient of a cherries jubilee dessert. Unsolicited, she had some very pleasant things to say about Justice Elena Kagan.

"I spoke to Justice Kagan who, looking happy and trim in her stylish pantsuit, was uncommonly pleasant. On a happy note, Justice Ginsburg announced the impending marriage of her son, James, to take place the day following at the Court House. He was the subject of the 'collaboration' between Ruth and Ruth during her pregnancy.

"Unfortunately I could not find Justice Sonia Sotomayor, for whom I had two undelivered messages, from my wife and son."

Happy Turkey Day to one and all, and, writing in advance of the fall football season, hope for success to our team. Roar Lions!

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An item in the inaugural issue of *Legacy*, the newsletter of Columbia's Office of Planned Giving, caught your correspondent's attention. Looking out at us was a photo of **Ted Karchuta**, accompanying an article about Ted's enthusiasm for Columbia's athletics as well as its academic excellence. Ted's wish was to encourage and inspire scholar-athletes, and he chose to do that in a way that would honor his childhood hero, Lou Gehrig '23, who, as we all are aware, is a Columbia athletics icon.

Ted's method of ensuring his objective was to include in his estate

plan a bequest to fund the Lou Gehrig Scholar / Athlete Scholarship. The scholarship will be awarded annually to a select number of male and female students who demonstrate great potential for both academic and athletic success at Columbia.

Sad to report, **Harvey M. Radey Jr.** of Clarksville, Ga., died in December.

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First off, a correction: In the previous column, Class President **Robert T. Snyder's** e-mail address was listed incorrectly. His e-mail is robertsnyder@gmail.com. Anyone who would like to get involved in reunion should reach out to him at that address.

With the Class of 1951 60th reunion on the horizon, we want to devote this column to its planning and program.

First and foremost, save the date for the entire Alumni Reunion Weekend, Thursday, June 2-Sunday, June 5. It is not too early to make plans now to return to New York City and the Columbia campus. Our Reunion Committee is preparing class-specific panels as well as cocktail receptions, luncheons and dinners. In addition, as part of the

traditional Saturday Dean's Day, the Alumni Office will offer an array of significant and timely lectures following the time-honored academic format. In addition to the cultural and entertainment options offered by New York City, we may attend the annual Starlight Reception on Saturday evening, which features dancing on Low Plaza. Please keep in touch and get reunion updates at reunion.columbia.edu/alumniupdate.

How about 60th reunion funding? Class President **Robert T. Snyder** noted in his e-mail to all classmates last July that it would be helpful if CC '51 could raise some working capital on its own to cover planning, program and promotional expenses. Class treasurer **Willard Block** has opened a class checking account at Chase Bank to receive contributions. The suggested amount is \$25 per classmate. Checks should be made out to Columbia College Class of '51C Reunion. Please send your check as soon as possible to Willard at his home: 54 Cornwall Ln., Sands Point, NY 11050.

Traditionally, reunion classes make a major gift to the College. Think in terms of sizes: \$66, \$666 and \$6,666 or whatever fits the budget. A separate CC '51 Gift Committee will contact classmates soon in what is one of our remaining reunion opportunities to hit a home run!

Several organizations and groups within CC '51 already are at work in organizing reunion participation. Notably, **Jim Lowe** and **Len Stoehr** in a recent communication noted that almost 98 percent of the NROTC cadre at Columbia attended our 50th reunion at Arden

Columbia School Designations

In Class Notes, these designations indicate Columbia degrees from schools other than the College.

Arch.	School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation
Arts	School of the Arts
Barnard	Barnard College
Business	Graduate School of Business
CE	School of Continuing Education
Dental	College of Dental Medicine
E	The Fu Foundation School of Engineering and Applied Science
GS	School of General Studies
GSAS	Graduate School of Arts and Sciences
J	Graduate School of Journalism
L	School of Law
Nursing	School of Nursing
P&S	College of Physicians and Surgeons
PH	Mailman School of Public Health
SIPA	School of International and Public Affairs
SW	School of Social Work
TC	Teachers College

House. Despite some lingering hard feelings over the unfortunate banning of NROTC from the campus years ago, Jim feels there is a necessity in the organization to reaffirm personal friendships and commitment to the NROTC original oath of office. As Jim said in a recent e-mail, "I fully support a CC '51 NROTC reunion! Many of our group have passed on, and any reunion should now be fused with the entire class." (Members of the NROTC should contact Jim at JloweABQ@aol.com to see how they can be helpful with reunion planning.)

As with our 50th reunion, we are planning to publish a 60th Reunion Yearbook. In all likelihood, it will not be as elaborate as the 50th, but it will contain a good assortment of photographs from college days activities, and campus and sports events along with biographies of classmates. Early in 2011, you will receive a request for your photo. You may include, if you wish, photos of a spouse, children and grandchildren, and favorite pets, golf clubs and boats. The yearbook is especially important because it will contain the latest class directory and an "In Memoriam" page. Please start gathering information for your class secretary, who will once again be the editor and can always be reached via the contact information at the top of the column.

Several classmates already have volunteered to work on various reunion sub-committees. In addition to those mentioned in two previous columns, as well as this one, thanks go to Bob Osnos, Jennings Gentzler, Al Petrick and Al Gomez for offering help and suggestions. Please join the list to see how you, too, can be helpful with what promises to be CC '51's best reunion ever!

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I went to a department store to buy a few polo shirts. I was surprised when I read the labels to see that they were made in Vietnam.

The Vietnam War was a Cold War military conflict that occurred in Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia from November 1, 1955–April 30, 1975, when Saigon fell.

U.S. military advisers arrived beginning in 1950. U.S. combat units were deployed beginning in 1965.

The war exacted a huge human cost in terms of fatalities, including 3–4 million Vietnamese from both sides, between ½–1 million Laotians and Cambodians, and 58,159 U.S. soldiers.

More than 58,000 of our wonder-

ful, brave, dedicated and obedient soldiers gave their young and promising lives for a war of questionable purpose. What about all the countless wounded American soldiers who lost legs, arms and other body parts and their mental and emotional normality as well? What had we become?

There was no way I could possibly purchase those polo shirts. The price, not in money, but in the memory of beautiful lives wasted was much too high.

This is November, the month of Thanksgiving. We give thanks for many things as well as our wonderful country. Let us hope that when we send men and women to war, they come home alive and healthy.

Alden Mesrop writes: "This year, being the 60th anniversary of the beginning of the Korean War, it brought to mind some of my recollections of my tour of duty in that country during what was called at the time a 'police action.' Though it also is known as the 'forgotten war,' it will never be forgotten by those, like myself, who took part in it."

"Since I did not join the Naval ROTC when I started at the College in 1948, I was drafted into the Army, and, after infantry basic training at Fort Dix, off I went by troopship (no flying in those days) to Japan for three days, and then to Korea, where I landed on May 13, 1953, at the port of Pusan at the southern tip of the Korean peninsula. I was assigned to an infantry company of the 25th Division, which was just going on line, where I spent the next 10 weeks dodging mortar and artillery shells, until, just before the truce was signed in late July, I was transferred to a military police company, which acted as security for Eighth Army headquarters in Seoul. Since I was the only man in our company of 200 who had a college degree, other than the officers, the company commander ordered me to set up a club for the enlisted men."

"Consequently, for the next year I ran what amounted to a drinking club. I had Korean bartenders and waitresses, and my time was my own, except I had to be at the club during the hours of operation from 6–11 p.m. Of course, I had to buy liquor, beer and soda from the American export companies in Seoul (Ballantine's Scotch was \$18 a case, Canadian Club \$12 a case and other alcohol at comparable prices) and take care of the records and inventory of the enterprise. I felt like Rick in *Casablanca*, strolling from table to table, making sure all ran smoothly. For the men wanting a drink, beer was 10 cents a can, and a mixed drink was an exorbitant 25 cents! When I rotated out of Korea

in August 1954, I left my successor with a profit of more than \$600. Well, that was my military experience in Korea, and I can't tell you how much fun it was running that club. I thank the Lord I never had to fire a weapon at anyone, whether Chinese, North Korean or Russian."

"After [leaving] the Army, I entered Columbia Law School and married Alida, whom I met while at college. We live in a co-op apartment in Mt. Vernon, N.Y. We have three daughters, Andrea, Alison and Claudia, and two grandchildren, Matthew (8) and Samantha (6). I have retired from law and am trying to smell the roses."

Your reporter had a long telephone conversation with Dr. Saverio Panzarini. We solved all the world's problems, even though the world is not aware of that.

Saverio wants classmates to know that he enjoyed his career in medicine and surgery and appreciates his Columbia education. He invites classmates to contact him at spanzarino@yahoo.com.

From Jerome Monkash: "It was my first contact in more than 50 years with any Columbia classmate. Sid Prager's phone call to me in Calabasas, Calif., to write something pushed me into this. But how does one condense a boringly interesting lifetime into a few paragraphs?"

"The family fortune was amassed by my selling commodities and not by practicing law, which I considered too picayune after being imbued with our college's liberal arts. Columbia Law '55 helped me to beat every parking and traffic rap and to win every court case I ever faced except the most recent one. It took me all the way to the California Supreme Court, which refused to hear my claim against a giant utility for its predatory billing practices, and may now be pursued in a half-billion-dollar class action suit by real lawyers."

"I did win a substantial refund from our water district provider for fellow city residents for excessive charges."

"Yes, my life has been made more exciting by tilting at windmills, the most memorable of which was helping to kick out of office the majority of a corrupt, Tammany Hall-type of political machine in the highest taxed (update) village in all of New York while running political campaigns and ultimately becoming deputy mayor in the process. Among other things, I left behind the legacy of the first primary elections ever held in a New York village (instead of smoke-filled, backroom party designs selected and perpetuated by corrupt committeemen) and the first village elections held during the national November elections instead of costly special spring elections held in most

municipalities."

"The exploits in this process, which involved a run-off election and a victorious case brought all the way to New York's highest court, are part of a memoir, along with two novels, several short stories and more than 1,000 poems written (since retirement), a great many of which have been published, all under a pen name."

"I leave you with one of them, a short rhyming ditty, written earlier this year when I almost died from uremic poisoning, called *I Just Won't Go*: I saw the Grim Reaper headed for me, / his sharp scythe uplifted in fatal decree. / Bravely, I stuttered, 'I don't have the time, / to accompany you in some misguided rhyme.' / Smiling, death chided that he'd wait and see / just how good this poem turned out to be."

"And, oh, yes: my four grandchildren (well, at least three of them) are smarter than yours."

Dr. Bob Rhodes, who holds a D.D.S. and an M.D., writes: "As [Sid] will remember, we discussed one of the favorite topics of 79-year-olds, death, as well as what we did after graduation from college (aside from producing children and grandchildren), and I threw in suggestions regarding hip joint prostheses. Anyhow, after college, I did a couple of grad schools, residency training and ended up in California, where I practiced surgery for 22 years."

"I retired at 60 (19½ years ago), and my wife, Ethel, and I went to Florida, got certified for open water scuba and never looked back. We've done about 700 dives in warm waters — Caribbean, South Pacific, Indian Ocean and so on (no dry suits and cold water stuff for us) — as well as hikes and assorted trips to western and eastern Europe and a couple of trips to South America and Russia. In short, we've traveled quite a bit, four to five months a year except for 2009, when I had a thymoma removed and a prosthetic hip joint replacement, which worked out fine. We now have our grandson (8) hooked on scuba. Anyhow, our retirement time has been busy and as much fun as working (which I enjoyed). It's still a wise idea not to define yourself by your work and be sure you quit before you crumble so you can follow happy trails with the wind at your back and your ass not dragging, "Cheers and fair winds."

Ernie Sciutto, in New York City, writes: "It has been some time since I last wrote to the alumni magazine, but my reason for doing so now is that my grandson, Austin Lowe '14, is a freshman at Columbia."

"In short, my history includes three years with the Kingsmen,

Sigma Chi and NROTC, serving after college on the *USS Iowa* and the *USS Columbus*, then working for Shell Oil for many years.

"I live in the city and have four children—a doctor at Columbia, an ABC-TV reporter in D.C., a banker in Hong Kong and an actress in Los Angeles. Sadly, my wife of 49 years passed away in 2006.

"I read a recent issue of *Columbia College Today* and was pleased to see that alumni were becoming a more important part of College life and that 97 percent of the students now live on campus. (Quite unlike our time at Columbia.) I also was glad that the Core Curriculum remains an integral part of the Columbia experience.

"I was sad to hear of Frank Walwer's death. I knew him well."

From your reporter: Thank you all for your contributions, and I wish the Class of 1952 healthy and happy holidays.

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Sad to report, one of our most vibrant, enthusiastic, humorous and talented classmates, **Erik Wensberg**, passed away on June 5 of pneumonia. Shortly after Erik's death, I talked to his sister, Eleanor Peyerley, and learned that Erik, who grew up in Omaha, Neb., had always dreamed of attending Columbia. Eleanor put it this way, "Erik came to Columbia like a homing pigeon. It was the place he always wanted to come to after leaving high school."

Erik received a Silver King's Crown award for his work with Columbia Players and was selected to become a Nacorn. In 1955, he became the editor of *Columbia Alumni News*. Erik founded a quarterly literary magazine, *The Columbia Forum*, and was its editor from 1957–63 as well as from 1971–75. According to his sister, the literary world came to recognize Erik as an important voice in American letters. He became the editor of *The New York Times Book Review* in the 1960s, a literary editor of *Esquire* magazine, and a book reviewer for *Commentary* and *Vogue* magazines.

According to his sister, in 1998, when Hill & Wang, the publisher of Wilson Follett's *Modern American Usage: A Guide* asked Jacques Barzun '27 to edit a new edition, Professor Barzun replied that he was too old and recommended Erik as the best editor for the project. Thus, Erik's name appears on the cover as the "compiler" of the edition.

Erik lived in Greenwich Village and was one of the founding

members of the West Village Committee, with Jane Jacobs. Together, they blocked an urban renewal project that would have destroyed 14 blocks of Village streets. In 1963, Erik successfully fought Robert Moses' plan to build an expressway from river to river in lower Manhattan.

At the time of his death, Erik was in the process of compiling 40 years of work on a biography he was writing of James Agee. Although it has not yet been published, Erik's book is the only biography that was sanctioned by the Agee family.

We will remember Erik as a treasured, delightful, outstanding classmate.

Talking to **Roger Breslau** by phone, I learned a number of fascinating details of the life of one of our brave classmates. In 1971, Roger was shot down over Laos while serving as a doctor in the Air Force. Luckily, Marines at a base in Thailand were monitoring Roger's plane and quickly dispatched a Marine helicopter to rescue the Americans on the ground. Within one hour and 55 minutes, the Marines removed the wounded Americans from the plane, placed them safely on the helicopter, set fire to destroy their plane and flew the men to their base in Thailand. Unfortunately, Roger had broken his back in three places and needed extensive surgery. Roger told me, "We all evaded capture and none of us died in the crash. I was the one most injured." While he was on active duty with the Air Force, Roger spent a year with the CIA and was a member of the *Apollo 10* recovery team.

After spending 16 years with the Air Force, Roger retired as a full colonel and spent the next 14 years as a vascular cardiorthoracic surgeon.

In 1963, Roger married Betty. This was the second marriage for both, and together they have three adult children and four grandchildren. They live happily in a beautiful agricultural community in Fallbrook, Calif., which is about 60 miles north of San Diego. Roger spends most of his time reading, participating in an outreach program for hospitalized veterans and teaching anatomy at the UC San Diego School of Medicine. Because of his back injuries, Roger is limited to walking short distances but is able to get around using a mobility chair. His spirits are inspirational. He told me, "I feel lucky to be able to walk and to have gotten out of Laos alive."

Keep up the good work, Roger. Your classmates are looking forward to seeing you again at our 60th reunion in 2013.

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This column doesn't write itself. It needs you to share your news. Don't be shy. We all want to hear what you are up to. Please send me an e-mail or a letter.

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As everyone is beginning to realize, Columbia is becoming the preeminent school not only in the United States but also around the world. One current key initiative is the establishment of Global Centers, which are to be the nexus for learning and practice among faculty, students and alumni overseas. In addition, the popular Alumni Travel Study Program will continue in the spring, when a special tour will take place covering five major sites: Jerusalem, St. Catherine's Monastery near Mount Sinai, Petra, Luxor and the Great Pyramids. Another exciting trip will be the one in the late winter, where Columbians can swim with tropical pengualins, walk among huge tortoises and experience the other wonders of the Galapagos.

Closer to home, Dean Michele Moody-Adams will be making her semi-annual trip to Los Angeles and San Francisco after the first of the year, meeting and greeting alumni, prospective students and parents. During the late fall, various activities took place that exposed alumni to the workings of the school's administration and what the school has to offer—specifically, at Lincoln Center, President Lee C. Bollinger chaired a panel of notable alumni discussing what inspires creativity and how Columbia contributes to creative development. A "jazz jam" featuring Branford Marsalis and Terence Blanchard was held right after the panel put forth its comments.

A huge turnout took place for the Walking Tour series, which occurred in the late fall and began at City Hall and then moved across the Brooklyn Bridge to Brooklyn Heights. There will be more walks to come. As an aside, did you know that you can research burning questions with Columbia Libraries' new free online resources, including Factiva and JSTOR (columbia.edu/cu/jweb/resources/)? All you need is your UNI and password.

There has been much revitalization at the Baker Athletics Complex. In addition to the new fields for

field hockey and soccer, a mammoth reconstruction job has taken place with regard to baseball: new scoreboard, new stands, new press box. It would make our stars of yesteryear joyous to see the site—Tony Palladino, John Naley, Richard Heffner, Walt Deputala, Jud Maze, Tom Brennan, Bob Dillingham and Jack Freeman. Even Rollic Rourke would be proud.

Jack Stuppin has done it again. Our creative classmate has been participating in a showing at the Hudson River Museum during the past couple of months: *Oil on Canvas*. Well done, Jack. Ron McPhee continued in reunion mode by holding a barbecue for various Columbians at his home in Westchester during the late summer. (In addition to basketball, Ron participated in a little baseball.)

Low Mendelson, who was a key player at our 55th, still is traveling extensively overseas. He probably has more mileage than the prez, Lee C. Bollinger. We've heard from Elliot Gross, who sent some kind words (including a mention of the fourth-place ranking of Columbia in the *U.S. News & World Report* survey), and Berish Strauch, who has joined the alumni group that holds the Great Teachers Award in October, the Society of Columbia Graduates. It's interview time for applicants to the College and SEAS. Leading the alumna/e from Nassau and Suffolk Counties (Long Island) is Larry Balfus. The number of students applying to our favorite school gets larger and larger.

Don McDonough missed his trip to Morningside Heights in early June due to being under the weather. He also curtailed his annual visit to Paris and Ireland. We wish him well and hope to see him soon. Another absentee was Ferdie Setaro, who moved from Southern New Jersey to Staten Island a few months ago. Barry Pariser journeyed into Manhattan from Newburgh recently to celebrate a birthday with Dick Kuhn. Barry, after a long hiatus, has gone back to work as an ENT doctor in the office of the fellow who bought his practice once ago. (What goes around ...)

A note to Tony DiSanto: Your favorite columnist will do some sleuthing to find out the whereabouts of his good friend Ben Kaplan. Plainview's (Long Island) Bob Schoenfeld is semi-retired and is devoting more time to his avocations, photography and writing. He has had two photographic exhibitions at the National Art Club at Gramercy Park and recently published his first book, *Over There*. The book chronicles his almost six years of medical



Best friends John "Sparky" Breeskin '57 (left) and Roy Wolff '57 posed for the camera during Alumni Reunion Weekend 2007. After Wolff suffered a stroke recently, Breeskin rushed to his bedside and reports that his friend is recovering. (See the '57 column for more.)

studies in Switzerland, where the courses were given only in French and German. Bob hopes to become more active with his classmates and other Columbians now that his workload has been cut back. A most wanted person is **Harold Kushner**, wanted in terms of giving speeches and making presentations. The latest request came from **Lew Sternfels**, who talked to Harold about speaking to the members of the Western Region of the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs in Costa Mesa, Calif. Lew could not have gotten a better person to talk to the FJMC.

Where are they now, you ask? **Nathan Olshin** lives in Middletown, Conn.; **Anthony Nicastri** is professor of pathology at SUNY Downstate Medical Center in Brooklyn; **Al Momjian** practices his legal trade in Philadelphia; **Joe Wagner** is doing the same in Manhattan; **Monte Manee** is a retired investment adviser in Scarsdale; and **Paul Braverman** resides in downtown Manhattan.

To the unbelievable and unbeatable Class of 1955, continue to do good things for yourselves and others. Keep your sunny side up. You guys are terrific. Love to all, everywhere!

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For those of you who may not know, Alan Miller, our class presi-

dent, passed away on August 20 after a 2½-month battle with pancreatic cancer (see *Obituaries*). His funeral on August 22 was attended by the following classmates, wives and significant others: **Alan Broadwin**, **Ronald Kaplan**, **Ralph Kaslick**, **Arthur Frank**, **Alan Press**, **Barbara** and **Gerald Fine**, **Fanny** and **Al Franco '56E**, **Judy** and **Maurice Klein**, **Anita** and **Lou Hemmerdinger**, **Elinor Baller** and **Danny Link**, **Anne-Marie** and **Don Morris**, **Maya** and **Mark Novick**, **Roz** and **Robert (Buz) Paaswell**, **Margo** and **Bob Sirotky**, **Ruth** and **Stan Soren**, **Ruth** and **Len Wolfe**, and myself and my wife, **Elke**. Rest in peace, Alan!

I found out about Alan's passing that Friday morning in East Hampton, where Elke and I were entertaining **Danny Link** and **Elinor**. We went back to Englewood, N.J., on Saturday to celebrate my 75th birthday with my family at our home. I attended Alan's funeral on Sunday. After spending the last 20 years working with Alan on class matters, continuing a long personal relationship and then celebrating my birthday, this certainly was the most emotional three days I have experienced.

Class news:

As most of us enter our 75th year of life, and our 55th year after Columbia College, we find we have a full spectrum of classmates who continue working, in addition to those of us who are retired. I count myself as one of the retired class members, although my wife will disagree with that.

Philip Liebson '56 chairs the clinical cardiology research department at Rush University Medical Center in Chicago.

The working class members that I have talked to include **Roy Russo**, an active partner in his Washington, D.C., law firm. **Ed Botwinick** is getting recertified for flying (his own plane) and is considering a CEO position with a California technology company. Good luck to Ed in whatever he chooses to do.

Mark Novick practices psychiatry in New York City and is affiliated with Beth Israel Medical Center. **Philip Liebson** is a professor of medicine who also chairs the Clinical Cardiology Research Department at Rush University Medical Center in Chicago.

At our bimonthly class lunches (now resumed after a summer recess), we always can differentiate the working members of our class, who generally are dressed in suit,

jacket and tie. In any case, let me know by e-mail what you're doing (i.e., work or retired) so we can include that information in a future Class Notes column.

Answer to last issue's pop quiz: There were three sets of twins in our class: **Chauncy Bartholet** and **Paul Bartholet** (Paul recently passed away), **Stephen Easton** and **Maurice Easton**, and **Richard Steinfeld** and **Robert Steinfeld**.

Quiz question for this issue:

What percentage of our class came from New York City public high schools? (As another interesting question, what is that percentage for our reunion class of 2011?)

We have new class officers as follows:

Stephen Easton, president, formerly v.p.

Bob Sirotky, v.p., past president of the Columbia Club of Northern New Jersey

Danny Link, v.p.; will coordinate our planned Florida area get-together and continue to host our golf/tennis lunches at his club

Len Wolfe, continuing as class historian

Al Franco '56E, Class Agent, for Columbia College Fund fundraising

Lou Hemmerdinger, stepping in as a class correspondent in order to assist me with this column (see below for more)

I will be calling various classmates to work as regional Class Notes representatives so that we have more than the New York City contingent represented in this column. Please respond by saying "yes" when I ask. Thank you.

which were scheduled for after Homecoming, are two basketball games: first, the Cornell-Columbia game Saturday, January 15, and then the next-to-last game of the season, the Yale-Columbia game, on Friday, March 4. Anyone interested in attending should contact **Ron Kapon**, who is arranging a section of tickets for our class. Also, there is a mini-reunion planned in March for our Florida classmates, coordinated by **Danny Link** and **Lou Hemmerdinger**.

Our next reunion planning meeting will be on Wednesday, December 15, at the Columbia Alumni Center, 622 W. 113th St., between Broadway and Riverside Drive, at 4 p.m. All are invited to attend.

We still are working with the Alumni Office to finalize venues for our reunion activities. As a 55th reunion class, we do not get the same first choices as we did with the 50th reunion, so it is important that our class participation speaks louder than our good wishes. For our 50th, more than 90 classmates attended. We are looking for and projecting a minimum of 60 for our 55th, but you have to make it happen. As Alumni Reunion Weekend now coincides with Dean's Day (Saturday), there is a double reason for all those interested to attend.

College fundraising activity: I attempted to have our Class of '56 Scholarship Fund renamed to Class of '56, Alan N. Miller Scholarship Fund to honor Alan's memory and service to our class. I have been informed by the Alumni Office that we cannot, for legal reasons, rename this fund, no matter how good our intentions. This fund, set up at the time of our 50th reunion (which Alan and I worked on with the help of all our class contributors), now is a permanent endowment of \$539,000 and funds four yearly Columbia College student scholarships.

For the Columbia College Fund fiscal year ending Thursday, June 30, 2011, we have an opportunity to have all contributions to the College Fund be matched by a like amount, based upon our goal of \$150,000 (our average contributions for the past four years), by the John W. Kluge '37 estate under the provision of his will. The Kluge monies will be used to establish one permanent endowment scholarship fund, to be named Class of '56, Alan N. Miller Scholarship Fund, to fund a yearly scholarship for a four-year period to a selected incoming first-year student every four years (to be selected on the values that Alan exhibited).

Thus it is important for us to reach our goal of \$150,000. I think we can surpass it. I ask that all class members who can afford it and are so inclined to become John Jay-level

contributors (\$1,500 or more) this fund year. Remember, we have until June 30 to reach our goal. Hopefully with our 55th reunion year, and with the stock market recovering so our 401ks start to feel and look more like 401ks, our feelings and commitment to giving to Columbia will increase with our age. It also will be a continued blessing to the students we are supporting.

I am again asking all class members who want to keep in touch to share or update their e-mail addresses by contacting **Lou Hemmeringer**: lhemmer@aol.com. My name will remain at the top of the column, but Lou and I will share Class Notes responsibilities. This seems to be the best way to stay in touch with the majority of our class members. Please keep in contact with Columbia in whatever ways you feel appropriate. It has been a force of power, I am sure, in each and every one of our lives.

Until our next issue, wishing for a fall season of Columbia teams winning and health and good fortune for all our class members.

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Ken Bodenstien left Duff & Phelps, a financial advisory firm, on August 31 after 35 years; he had been managing director. His new contact information is 28 Westwind St., Marina del Rey, CA 90292; 310-629-3694; kenbodie@yahoo.com.

Ken attached a copy of an excerpt from the *Daily Bruin* ("UCLA's answer to Spectator") of May 25. The *Daily Bruin* described Ken as "not your average tennis fan" and "a 30-year-old trapped in a nearly 75-year-old man's body." In the excerpt, Ken noted he competes in 70-and-over tournaments and that his wife, Diane, was a member of the Bruin Racquetball, a support group for the UCLA tennis teams, which "opened his eyes to the UCLA tennis program."

Ronald H. Boorse, retired business owner, died in Houston on July 6. A complete obituary will be published in an upcoming issue, pending receipt of information. Due to the volume of obituaries that CCT receives, it may take several issues for the obituary to appear.

John "Sparky" Breeskin: "Roy Wolff had a stroke, and he [was at this writing] in a rehabilitation hospital in the wilds of New Jersey. There is no question that Roy is a fighter, and he receives praise on all sides for his motivation directed toward regaining his ability to function. He has made remarkable progress to date and that fact

encourages all of us who love him. [Because] he may be changing hospitals in the near future, I will be the contact point for him for our class and would welcome the opportunity to correspond with any of you who wish, as I do, the very best for our friend.

"I was standing in total shock at the foot of a hospital bed looking into the face of my dearest, closest friend whom I have been privileged to know for 57 years. Roy is the only person alive who knew my parents and my brother and, thanks to the acceptance of brolove in our culture today, we are able to tell one another, without hesitation, that we love one another. [See photo.]

"He is my age (75) and also has heart problems with atrial fibril as I do. He was lying uncomfortably in a hospital bed in an intensive rehabilitation hospital, and he had aged at least 10 years since I saw him a few months ago. He suffered a stroke, fell to the floor, and it was four hours before he could reach a phone. Roy has left-side residual paralysis and is in obvious physical discomfort. His left arm is essentially paralyzed, and he tries over and over again to get it to respond only to be faced with failure. His face was pale, and he had lost more than 30 pounds. When I first called him on the phone just after learning of his stroke, I was unable to understand him, and I am relieved that his speech has improved enormously.

"In addition to my great concern about Roy, I was sharply aware that I was looking into myself lying in that hospital bed. What had happened to Roy could also have happened to me and, indeed, is something that I have to realize may be in my future.

"His close companion of more than 10 years, Monique, was with him, and she can appropriately be called an angel of mercy. She feeds him soup in tiny spoonfuls, assists him to the bathroom and coordinates all the services that the hospital offers. She does this with obvious pride over the fact that she is able to offer her compassion to him, and it is beautiful to observe.

"Roy was quick to point out to me that the stroke has not affected his mind, and he proceeded to quote Kipling, Henry V and Omar Khayyam with obvious and appropriate pride. Of course, we got into one of our ongoing debates about politics and the dubious applicability of the scientific method. Monique and I watched and were moved to see Roy's complexion improve and the sparkle come back to his eyes as he was talking to me, and when I left, he told me how wonderful it had been to talk to me in our old style of loving disagreement.

"I was able to keep it together

until I said goodbye to Roy and walked out the door, and then proceeded to burst into tears in the nurse's station. Monique did not have to say a word, but she held me until I could gain some control over my emotions.

"I know that what I learned as a result of visiting my dear friend will be a lesson that will take me some time to understand, but I know that the end result will be to leave me both sadder and wiser, in that order.

"I wish to publicly acknowledge my deep gratitude to my dear friend Michael Gottdenker '86, who provided me with angel wings to speed me on my journey."

While in San Francisco for the American Bar Association Annual Meeting and vacation, yours truly had dinner with **Ira Lubell** and his partner, Louis Bounsignore, and Sunday brunch with **Elaine and John Norton**. My plans are to return to San Francisco in May following the ABA meetings in Sacramento; I look forward to again seeing our Bay Area contingent.

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We are sorry to report the deaths of two more classmates.

Dr. George Braman died on June 23. He earned his medical degree at SUNY Downstate Medical Center and taught in its School of Public Health, retiring as an assistant professor. George also was director of quality management and assistant attending physician at Elmhurst Hospital Center in Queens. In addition, he was a published poet; many of his poems and essays appeared in *Annals of Internal Medicine*. George is survived by his wife, Joan; and sons, Donald and Leonard.

Edward "Bud" Spraker died on July 3. Originally from Knoxville, Tenn., Ed was a wide receiver on the Lions football team and went on to get an M.A. in education at Teachers College. He had a long teaching career in the Tenafly, N.J., school system, including time as varsity coach in several sports and as athletics director. Ed sang in the choir at Christ Episcopal Church in Teaneck, N.J., and was the Sunday School superintendent for many years. He is survived by his sons, Gary and John, and one granddaughter.

Congratulations to **Russ Ellis** on winning the Wyld Propulsion Award, given by the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics. The award is presented

for outstanding achievement in the development or application of rocket propulsion systems. Russ, '58's leading rocket scientist, spent his entire career in rocket engineering, including 32 years at Pratt & Whitney Rocketdyne, and he continues to work as a consultant. The award honored Russ' "significant improvements to solid and liquid nozzle reliability and performance brought about through introduction and demonstration of innovative design concepts incorporating new composite materials." We asked Russ for a translation into English and he replied, "Most of my work was on advanced, high-performance rocket nozzles, applying new high temperature composites to systems such as the Trident II (D5) submarine-launched ballistic missile, Tomahawk, Delta 4 and many others. It was rewarding to see things I'd worked on send probes to Mars, Saturn, Pluto and so on. I also was fortunate to be involved in importing advanced foreign rocket technology and made many trips to France and Russia through the years to work with their experts."

We caught *Frost/Nixon* on HBO and were delighted to spot a cameo by **Carl Stern** (NBC News, Washington), a clip from his post-Watergate coverage.

Marshall Fronter, dapper and eloquent as always, appeared on a recent Bloomberg News TV report, discussing financial stocks and the new reform law.

Ed Halperin, who confides that he has "always avoided filling in the details of my life," has finally decided to share them with Class Notes. Ed is a child psychiatrist practicing in New Rochelle, N.Y.; he also is board-certified in adult and adolescent psychiatry. Ed is a consultant for Leake & Watts, a Yonkers foster care agency. His wife, Beth G. Weingast, is president of the American Society of Appraisers; she specializes in valuing Judaica and coins (both ancient and modern). Ed and Beth have three children: Alex '03, a journalist who recently won the Sidney Hillman prize for socially responsible journalism; Anne, who is starting her residency in psychiatry at New York Hospital; and Anthony, who is in Bolivia on a NIH Fogarty grant to do research on Chagas disease, a parasitic infection prevalent in South America.

Charles Goldstein has once again made the news for his activities in the art world. As counsel to the Commission for Art Recovery, a nonprofit that helps victims of Nazi art thefts, Charles is involved with a claim by the Herzog family against the Hungarian government, seeking the return of \$100 million worth of paintings and sculptures,

including works by El Greco, Velazquez and Monet. Baron Herzog was a well-known collector, and the family also has pursued pieces from his collection in Germany, Russia, Poland and Austria with some success, but Hungary has proven particularly resistant.

The Class of '58 rated two mentions in recent issues of *New York* magazine. An article on *New York Times* columnist David Brooks observed in passing that Neil Harris was his thesis adviser at the University of Chicago.

And a piece on an exhibit of the works of an artist named Brion Gysin at the New Museum in downtown NYC pointed out that it was across the street from Gysin's former home at 222 Bowery, which he had shared with his lover, John Giorno (who still lives there).

Gysin, who died in 1986, was a member of the Beat Generation (along, of course, with Jack Kerouac '44 and Allen Ginsberg '48); a pioneer of postmodern literature; and the inventor of the favorite writing technique of another famous occupant of 222, novelist William Burroughs: the "cut-up," in which newspapers or other printed items are sliced, diced and reassembled in new forms. John is described as the "social butterfly" of the group, who did the cooking for their exceptionally convivial nightly gatherings in his loft (known as the "Bunker"). The building, incidentally, dates back to 1884, when it was home to the first modern YMCA. It became an artists' colony after WWI, when one of its tenants was Fernand Leger. Mark Rothko later leased the building's gym to work on his murals for the Four Seasons (the subject of the Broadway show *Red*). John has preserved the Bunker as a shrine to the good old days, but the historic building is gradually succumbing to gentrification.

The Class Lunch is held on the second Wednesday of every month in the Grill Room of the Princeton/Columbia Club, 15 W. 43rd St. (\$31 per person). E-mail Art Radin if you plan to attend, up to the day before: aradin@radinglass.com.

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I hope that this finds you all well and doing things that bring you joy. Many of them have been traveling lately and fortunately some of you have sent descriptions of these adventures.

Ralph W. Wyndrum Jr. has

surely been active. He writes, "My wife, Meta, and I traveled to the Panama Canal in March, reviewing the technical aspects of the canal's history and its current expansion with a third set of locks to accommodate the huge 'Post-Panamax' ships of the 21st century. I was part of an IEEE engineering group invited by the Panama Canal Authority to see the workings of the canal from the 'inside out,' visiting the control rooms, the machine shops able to handle gigantic repair tasks and the operations of the canal and its parallel railroad connecting the Atlantic and the Pacific as well as the giant construction job for the third 'canal.'"

"In addition to traversing the canal in a small boat, the group visited the jungles of Panama within Barro Colorado, an island wildlife refuge in the Gatun Lake (sponsored by the Smithsonian Institute) that is home to thousands of native and migrant species of insects, birds, monkeys and crocodiles as well as plants, flowers and trees. All of this beauty is within a country that also has more than 70 skyscrapers in its capital, Panama City, and is a major financial center for South and Central America. The canal is run very professionally, and the engineering staff, largely trained in Panama and other regional engineering and business schools, seems well equipped for their tasks. By the way, one trip through the canal costs \$1,000 for a small boat and up to \$450,000 for a large passenger liner or bulk freighter.

"After about a week in Panama, Meta and I departed for a rural part of Costa Rica, Guanacaste, in the arid and hot northwest portion of the country. Populated largely by Brahman cattle ranchers with a large native Indian population, the shores provide miles of white sandy beaches on the Pacific. Temperatures typically exceeded 100 degrees, hence the Brahman cattle imported from India, where the climate is not dissimilar. Flying to San Jose, the capital of Costa Rica, we made a five-hour drive over the Inter-American Highway, and then poor gravel and rutted roads brought us to Tamarindo for four days of relaxation. I even acquired two new shirts when my laundry bag was mistakenly discarded in the trash by the hotel staff; the hotel drove us to several towns before they could find shirts size 'L' in Santa Rosa.

"Many Americans live and retire in Costa Rica, where there are low costs, nice living and reasonable medical care. Ditto for Panama, though there, many of the retirees we saw were retired military personnel who had been assigned there during their careers.

"I am willing to provide any class

member who requests it a CD with all the slides captioned, and the necessary Picasa software included on the CD, so that any computer with Windows 98 or later will enable one to see the entire presentation. (The material was assembled for a talk I provided recently in New Jersey.) Just send an e-mail to me: rww@monmouth.com."

Ken Scheffel writes about a great trip: "I had a great time in Europe, but now I need a vacation to recover from my vacation. It was my first trip across the pond and only my second flight (the first came last year for our reunion). Spent three days in the Black Forest area of Germany with a side trip to Koln, a day on the Normandy invasion beaches plus a stop in Bayeux to see William the Conqueror's tapestry and church, three days in Paris (the dirtiest, most disorganized, least friendly, most beautiful city I saw) and three days in London (to which we took the Chunnel. They speak English as if it's their native language.). Had a great time everywhere and definitely want to go again, but after sufficient recovery time. I was in a beer garden in Freiburg when the Germans beat the English in World Cup soccer. The whole town went bananas. They even rang the church bells in celebration. It reminded me of a Michigan-Ohio State game. Now, I'm getting ready to travel to Ann Arbor for our equivalent of World Cup soccer.

"If any classmates are in the vicinity this fall and would like to see a Michigan game, let me know. I have several season tickets and sometimes have spares, which I give away (if family and friends aren't interested, they go to the families of patients at Mott Children's Hospital).

"PS: I recently passed my five-year anniversary and check-up for esophageal cancer. So I guess I now qualify as a survivor. Each new day is a blessing.

"If you would have told me five years ago I'd be alive today, I wouldn't have believed you. The initial diagnosis was 12 months to live. Fortunately, it was wrong. Since the survival rate for esophageal cancer is less than 10 percent, I feel fortunate to still be on this earth, rather than in it."

Mike Tannenbaum informs us that "My memoir of Columbia physics is posted on the Columbia physics webpage: columbia.edu/cu/physics/about/main/one/index.html, click on 'Columbia Physics in the Fifties.'"

"The direct link to my memoir is columbia.edu/cu/physics/pdf-files/Tannenbaum.pdf."

Hal Stahl reports: "A healthy boy was born to my daughter Carrie in Minnesota. It was a natural water birth, and her husband, Lewis,

caught the baby with my wife, Toby, and me, other family members and three midwives present. An Elani was 22 in, 8 lbs., 7 oz. All is well with his mom and him. His mom will return shortly to teaching nursing at the community college level."

This is a continuation of the contribution of Ralph James Alster, the first part of which ran in the September/October issue.

"Late in the '80s, I started full time into the quirkiness of my ruminating fictions that total some 20 or so unpublished titles to date. Several times some years back I sent out hundreds of queries to editors and agents, and for receiving back only their stick-on, pre-printed notes that they like sending for out-of-hand rejecting as unsuitable to their needs what they've not even examined. So of course it dawned on me that you needed someone's reference for getting in the door, and that as the writing itself was so engrossingly gratifying, I didn't want to waste any more time non-referenced trying to beat down the door.

"My Emes Dick cycle came first. It tells of a Brooklyn yeshiva boy's rise to establishment-media-mogul notoriety through his self-altering deceptions that have him becoming a Columbia classmate's lover just so that he might obtain the Mississippi boy's agro-business (think Archer Daniels Midland) tycoon father's financial sponsorship of his ingeniously retro-rightist-leaning media contrivances. When Emes Dick's 16-year-old son suicides himself, it launches him downsidingly into his becoming its self-documenting author of my Emes Dick cycle.

"The *Enviousness of Being a Book* has its reclusive author being held captive by himself inside his own attic after the run-in that his head has with one of the backyard swings being swung by one of his kids at his invisibility that he's conjured himself into after being dumped into his spell of depressed enviousness by his traveling about one Sunday morning to visit an estate sale in the very ritzy town next door to his own. First there'd been his finding himself in the hospital while being prepped for the cerebral-lobe balancing surgery that he will have to undergo. Next he finds himself post-surgery trapped in his attic trying to read his latest compositions to the likes of Edmund Wilson, Lionel Trilling [25] and Rickey Jay. But their utter contempt for him has him accomplishing only his transubstantiation into that deck of cards that Ed-ward's tricky fingers keep fiddling with while he's babbling forth with his relatively lucid contemplations concerning American authors that he shares with Trilling's sharing his own far more obscure perceptions

with him. When Rimbaud and Scott Fitzgerald come bounding up the stairs, things go from bad to worse. As Trilling's running out of smokes and Edmund's having consumed all his bourbon has the two newbies racking back down to Cameron Diaz's adorable nakedness in the kitchen that out of her cabinets can offer not any resupply to help them at all. And which has them next burst forth out onto the street with their running amuck questing until finally there's that down pouring torrent of thunder and lightning that it incites for smithereening its flimsy entirety of what's been fictionally establishing itself built up. And so that there's next the protagonist finding himself sailing all alone in a paper boat that's being curbside swept along sewer-bound in the storm's rush of debris-strewn runoff waters.

"Dogwriter Thurber jumps ahead to some indeterminate time in the future when mankind's idiotic mishandling of its own evolutionary preeminence instigates a world-wide canine revolution that has canines superseding humans as the dominant terrestrial species and with humans sometimes now serving to them as their pets. Every humanoid who has played any significant role at all in the overall mismanagement of the planet is compelled into producing a highly detailed written documentation of all his humanoid efforts as the price of his retaining to some small measure of his lost autonomy and freedom. As the narrator has not on his own the literary skills essential to his accomplishing the task he's had the canine Dogwriter Thurber assigned to providing the assistance he needs. Ultimately, the confession that he produces is found to be — by the humanoid Commissar of Sincerely Truthful Communication — so repulsive still with his humanoid self-deceptions that she appoints him into his vice-commissarship. For all of their sincere dedication to reform, even the new canine establishment's New World Order leadership understands how ill equipped it will be for providing it on its own to itself, that curriculum of deceptions that every form of ordering the generally prevailing disorder needs to lean on for securing itself in power.

"I have two verse novels in the works. The first depicts an atheist's bafflement with our culture's Bible dependencies. The second has Trip Daydreamer, a 19-year-old Mormon-convert rock-band musician examining his dad's and his granddad's lives as they relate to his own. His dad, who he knows as Manville Same, he knows also as having once been Emes Dick and as having been Reiseverzögerung

Taagtrammer even before that. His dad's transitions through his several self-reincarnations that finally gave him his own existence so remote from his granddad's long ago pre-WWI origins in Ungelikt, Germany, are what he seeks to decode. The narrative has part one's relatively sober prose becoming progressively more and more energized towards part two's racy free-verse retelling, as the protagonist proceeds in his unraveling of the past that ultimately becomes his unraveling of himself.

"I started writing short-form, lyrical free verse while at Columbia and never fully abandoned the form as I became ever more ambitious in attempting its ever more complex application to narrative purposes. During those several years when my creative impulses went entirely over into the discoveries I began making for myself in painting, I quit versifying altogether. And then all at once there was that fluidity of narration that in the late '80s came to me in prose and in supplantation of my painting. And now lately, here's verse starting up again inside me for yet more fluidifying the truth-telling of my narrations out of their resistant blockiness that prose more insistently imposes.

"My New Utrecht classmates will understand me when I say in closing that I cannot give brief remembrance to my brief Columbia years and to my entire life thereafter without giving pivotal remembrance to Arnold Horowitz. If I've accomplished anything in my life, he was the father of whatever I have accomplished. He died very young, late '30s or very early '40s. But he's continued with me ever since as an absence that came far too soon. He'd been the mentor to all us '59ers who'd gone to Columbia out of New Utrecht, and as to precedent New Utrechtites at Columbia as well. But with perhaps his having had a more challenging task at hand in his wanting to advance me out of myself, than in his advancing any of the others who'd already been so much more advanced self-emergent."

Take care, and have a happy holiday season.

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One source of enormous delight in compiling the Class Notes is serving as an intermediary to reunite old friends. Following our 50th reunion and the broadcast by CCT online of Nathan Gross' performance of songs (college.columbia.edu/cct/jul_aug10; see "Web Exclusives" at

the bottom right) he had composed for the occasion I was contacted by Arnold Abrams '61, who had seen the broadcast and wanted to get back in touch with Nathan. Both had been active on *Spectator*, Nathan as managing editor and Arnold as news editor. I forwarded Arnold's request to Nathan, who I knew to be in Paris at the time. Nathan responded that his receipt of word from Arnold cheered him on "a dreary chilly morning in Paris."

Doug McCormick '61 was elected lead director of Lockheed Martin.

Nothing could be more heartening than knowing that through the agency of class correspondent a good deed had been done.

At the same time my education was broadened as I learned, to my disappointment, that the weather in Paris is not always perfect though I had long entertained that notion and the belief that it was with Paris in mind that Alan Jay Lerner had written: "A law was made a distant moon ago here, July and August cannot be too hot, and there's a legal limit to the snow here, in Camelot. The winter is forbidden till December, and exits March the second on the dot, by order summer lingers through September, in Camelot. The rain may never fall till after sundown, by eight the morning fog must disappear..." and so it goes.

Nathan promptly disabused me of this fantasy. "Weather in Paris during the summertime cannot be predicted from year to year. I never get the packing right. I remember early July one year with nothing but rain and chill. We had several days of high temperatures this season, then a stretch of incomparable blue skies and moderate temps. Meteo France also never seems to get it right. The storms it predicts materialize somewhere, I suppose, but rarely where the service leads one to believe. Umbrellas today are useless burdens. I have learned to let myself get soaked occasionally and to enjoy it. (Famous last words. I should not tempt Jupiter Pluvius)"

One source of anxiety in compiling the Class Notes is finding the mailbox empty or virtually so as the deadline for filing approaches rapidly, inexorably. And so, I was most appreciative to receive this beautiful note from Tom Hamilton:

"I am planning to create a foundation to provide scholarships to undergraduate and graduate students planning to enter the planetarium field as well as to provide limited funding (grants

and interest-free loans) to planetariums threatened with closure for economic reasons. My lawyers hope to have this up and running by some time in mid-2011, in time for the fall semester. I will initially put \$50,000 into it, with more later, to an eventual total of \$1 million. The rules I am setting up require a trustee to have at least five years experience in the field at the time of appointment as a trustee and to be limited to serving for no more

than nine years total, to receive no compensation except reimbursement for actual, approved expenses, and not eligible for any of the funds to be disbursed. It will be called the Hamilton Planetarium Scholarship Fund."

Tom, who last year had an asteroid named in his honor, has been awarded the title of Fellow of the International Planetarium Society. This honor was announced at the society's biennial convention, this year hosted by the planetarium in Alexandria, Egypt. Only six such titles were awarded this year, and Tom was one of only two Americans so recognized.

I'd love to hear from the rest of the class.

REUNION JUNE 2-JUNE 5

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We are now less than one year away from our 50th reunion, which will take place Thursday, June 2-Sunday, June 5. The Reunion Committee is planning the event with the help of the Alumni Office. Anyone interested in helping should contact Bill Binderman (wbinderman@msn.com), Tony Adler (awadler@spartacommercial.com) or Burt Ehrlich (burt@bloomberg.com) with their ideas.

Gene Milone and his wife, Helen, recently returned from a cruise to Alaska to celebrate her birthday.

"This is our third cruise in the last four years, the previous one being to the western Mediterranean from Barcelona, there to celebrate our 50th anniversary." They have found certain cruises to



Frank Lorenzo '61 (center) celebrated his 70th birthday in style with Jack Kirik '61 (left) and Bill Binderman '61.

be cost- and energy-efficient ways to take holidays with minimal packing and unpacking and risks.

Gene and a Belgian colleague have edited the volume *Astronomical Photometry: Past, Present, and Future* for Springer, based on sessions on this topic that Gene organized for the History of Astronomy Division of the American Astronomical Society at a West Coast meeting in 2009. He contributed to three papers in this volume, detailing his work on precise photometry techniques and hardware during the past three decades. Also, the second edition of *Exploring Ancient Skies: An Encyclopedic Survey of Archaeoastronomy*, a comprehensive survey of ancient and cultural astronomy, written by David H. Kelley and Gene, is now in press and should appear before the end of 2010.

Gene continues to publish research papers. His latest paper (with two European colleagues) appeared in the July issue of the *Astronomical Journal*. At the moment, he still has a laboratory and office, but 2011 may be his last year as faculty professor. As a retirement present (retirement, that is, from the teaching faculty) a few years ago, his son gave him a 120 mm refracting telescope with exquisite definition. While his eyesight still holds, Gene wants to be able to spend more time just enjoying the stars that first attracted his attention as an apartment-dwelling kid in the Bronx nearly 60 years ago.

Gene is looking forward to seeing many old friends among our classmates at the 50th Alumni Reunion Weekend.

Al Kleipstein spent a week with his family (two children, their spouses, four grandchildren and his fiancée, Bonnie Botwick) in Ixtapa, Mexico, at a Club Med. It was a fabulous place for the family with something to do for everyone. The accommodations were great, the food was fantastic, and the beach and weather were wonderful. They were a little concerned for their lives

going through the Mexico City Airport but did not have a problem.

Later, Al and Bonnie went to French Polynesia (Tahiti, Moorea and Bora Bora). Bora Bora was the most beautiful place he has ever been, he says, with an over-the-water bungalow, beautiful green water, great food and lovely people. The gentle breeze, the smell of flowers and fabulous service cannot be realized by pictures. It is all a dream now but a wonderful one.

Al has been back to work several weeks now with his usual 12 hours a day and looks forward to his next

in NYC and completed a summer internship at *College Humor*.

David Konstan's latest book, *Before Forgiveness: The Origins of a Moral Idea*, has been published by Cambridge University Press. In the book, David argues that the modern concept of interpersonal forgiveness, in the full sense of the term, did not exist in ancient Greece and Rome. Even more startlingly, it is not fully present in the Hebrew Bible, nor again in the New Testament, or in the early Jewish and Christian commentaries on the Holy Scriptures. It would still be many centuries before the idea of interpersonal forgiveness, with its accompanying ideas of apology, remorse and a change of heart on the part of the wrong-doer, would emerge. For all its vast importance today in religion, law, politics and psychotherapy, interpersonal forgiveness is a creation of the 18th and 19th centuries, when the Christian concept of divine forgiveness was finally secularized. Forgiveness was God's province, and it took a revolution in thought to bring it to Earth and make it a human trait.

Frank Lorenzo recently celebrated his 70th birthday with **Bill Binderman** and **Jack Kirik** in attendance. [See photo.]

John Kater '62 was granted an honorary degree of doctor of divinity by The Church Divinity School of the Pacific.

adventure (destination unknown).

Doug McCorkindale was elected lead director of Lockheed Martin. Shortly thereafter, he reached the retirement age for directors of Continental Airlines, so he left that board before the merger with United Airlines was completed — missing some interesting events. Doug is still on the board for the Prudential Money Management Group.

Doug also is on the PGA Tour's Equipment Committee (almost 20 years now) but has learned from personal experience that, notwithstanding reports to the contrary, golf technology is not keeping up with the aging process! He hopes to shoot his age much sooner than later.

Don Savini had his first hole-in-one recently. He said it was a great feeling but expensive.

Bob Soltys and his wife, Patti, are downsizing, moving from Alexandria, Va., to Hilton Head Island, S.C. (Port Royal Plantation). Though neither are golfers, they have found the perfect home overlooking the Port Royal Sound marsh. Their son, Andrew, a sophomore at NYU-Tisch, is firmly rooted

in NYC and completed a summer internship at *College Humor*. My wife, JB, had a successful hip replacement on August 30. She was walking several hours after surgery and home the following day. The hip was replaced using a direct anterior muscle sparing approach, which provides wider range of motion, and she hopes to be back skiing at some level in March.

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This year brought **John Kater** honors and opportunities. The Church Divinity School of the Pacific, which is the Episcopal seminary in Berkeley, Calif., marked John's "official" retirement by granting him the honorary degree of doctor of divinity at graduation in May, and his alma mater, the General Theological Seminary in New York, will give him its 2010 "Distinguished Alumnus" Award in November. "Funny," writes John, "I distinguished" is not a category I'd ever identify myself with! (And to tell

the truth, it is somewhat embarrassing to mention it.)"

During the summer, John spent a month in New York City, where he completed research for a book he's been working on "for far too long [but being in New York] gave me the opportunity to spend time with **Jack Hurwitz** and **Richard Klutch** as well as my roommate **Rudy Chen** and his wife, Linda, and our Hartley Hall neighbor **Murray Mohl** and his wife, Marion. Reconnecting with old Columbia friends is always one of the special pleasures of coming back to New York."

John continues to work in "retirement." This fall he is teaching a full course load plus an online course or two for the Church Divinity School, and in the spring he will teach at SKH Ming Hua Theological College, the Anglican seminary in Hong Kong. Since he last wrote, John spent two months lecturing in Brazil (Rio de Janeiro, Porto Alegre, Sao Paulo and Curitiba). You may contact him at jkater@aol.com.

John Boatner's older son, John Jr., introduced a young engaged German couple to a wedding processional for organ that John Sr. composed. The bride and groom decided to have the work performed at their wedding in Hückeswagen, Germany, and John Jr. attended the event. "This work," writes John Sr., "has probably been performed more than 200 times in the United States and England. I am constantly churning out new CD recordings of my published compositions. My current projects are *Cantata for a Young Girl* and *Cello Ludens* (*The Cello Wants to Play*), for solo cello and symphony orchestra."

Several summers ago, **Allen Young** won a lottery, sponsored by Provincetown's Peaked Hill Trust, for a week's stay in one of the celebrated, primitive dune shacks in Provincetown, Mass. During that week, Allen kept a journal that recently was published by Haley's Publishing of Athol, Mass. The book is titled *Thalassa: One Week in a Provincetown Dune Shack*.

Featuring photographs of the Provincetown dunes and the shack where Allen stayed, *Thalassa* includes an introduction to the shacks and their history as well as Allen's journal. Tim Miller, a performer and the author of *Body Blues: Six Performances*, writes about the book: "Allen Young's *Thalassa* is a joyous call to being present in the world. The book calmed me, focused me and made me feel almost as if I had also been blessed with a week in *Thalassa*."

Allen co-edited the 1992 pioneering anthology *Out of the Closets: Voices of Gay Liberation* and compiled *the North of Quabbin Revisited: A Guide*

to Nine Massachusetts Towns North of Quabbin Reservoir guides (1983 and 2002) to the north central region of Massachusetts where he lives.

Please write. As you can see, we're in need of material. And Columbia has now made sending a note even easier. Just go to college.columbia.edu/cct/submit_class_note and write. Be sure to select "1962" in the "CC Class Year" pull-down, and your message will be automatically forwarded to me for publication in a future issue. You also may continue to e-mail me directly. Peace to all.

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I was lucky enough to spend most of my time this long, hot summer being a beach bum down the Jersey Shore. Not retired yet, just very little work. Sadly, I wasn't able to make the regular dinner visits with Betty and Steve Barcan to Vic's (best pizza) in Bradley Beach, but I was able to join Tom O'Connor, his wife, Terrie; son, Matthew; daughter-in-law, Emma; grandson, Raleigh; and other family and friends for a great birthday dinner at Sea Grass in Ocean Grove. Tom was honored in October with induction into the Columbia University Athletics Hall of Fame as a member of the great 1961 football team along with Lou Asack, Tony Day, Ron Drotos, Mike Hassan, Joe Marchese, Pat Moran and Fritz Mundorff. What a season! Certainly one I'll never forget. Thank you, guys.

Phil Satow was saluted for his generous donations to the athletics program on October 23 (Homecoming) when the baseball stadium was named Satow Stadium in his honor. The stadium will boast new seating, a home team dugout, a press box and a multimedia scoreboard. It will be one of the best in the Ivy League. Congratulations, Phil!

Phil also was rewarded with a first granddaughter, Sophie Emiline Elliott, on July 8. The mother is his daughter, Julie '96, '01 SIPA, who is a journalist currently freelancing with *The New York Times*, and the father is Julie's husband, Stuart Elliott, co-founder and editor-in-chief of *The Real Deal*, a key New York real estate publication.

It is fitting that now both the baseball stadium and football field, Robert K. Kraft Field, are named in honor of two of our classmates. If any of you are interested, there's probably a swimming pool or soccer field that could be named after you.

Gary Rachelefsky writes, "Can't believe our 50th reunion is fast approaching. Gail and I are married

44 years, having met at a TEP party in 1962. We have three daughters (Holly, Cara '94 and Lindsay '01) and seven grandchildren. I left the practice of allergy immunology four years ago and am a full-time tenured professor at UCLA. Best to everyone."

Gary, I can't believe it either; time moves too fast. We'd better start planning.

Eric Foner, the DeWitt Clinton Professor of History, now is a member of the editorial board of the *Progressive Book Club*.

David Pittinsky writes, "In addition to my continuing to work full-time as a commercial litigator, my wife, Alecia, and I continue to take wonderful vacations to France. This summer, we spent two weeks in Paris and one week in St. Tropez. We have been going to St. Tropez since 2002. We have also been going to Paris every October since 2006 for extended eating weekends at one-, two- and three-star Michelin restaurants. My favorite Parisian restaurant is L'Ami Louis, which we went to for the fifth consecutive year this October. If anyone would like to read my Parisian eating reports, which also contain valuable information on other aspects of Parisian life, they should e-mail me, and I will be glad to share them."

You can reach David at pittinsky@ballardspahr.com.

Our regular second Thursday lunches have been seeing an increasing number of you. Some of the luminaries in the spring and early summer included Steve Barcan, Henry Black, Ed Collier, Jerry Dwyer, Doron Gopstein, Bob Heller, Rich Juro, Lee Lowenfisch, Don Margolis, Larry Neuman, Paul Neshamkin, Tom O'Connor, Barry Reiss, Phil Satow and Jeff Thompson. If you're in NYC, try to make the next Class of '63 lunch, scheduled for Thursday, November 11, and then again on Thursday, December 9. It's always the second Thursday. Check our website at cc63ers.com for details.

In the meantime, let us know what you are up to, how you're doing and what's next.

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I am writing this column in New York City shortly after Labor Day. The scorching summer days are over, and everyone is looking forward to a mild autumn. The informal class lunches at the Columbia University Club resumed on October 14 and will continue on November 11 and December 9, both Thursdays. Please join us.

In July, Howie Perlstein retired after 42 years as an attorney at the National Labor Relations Board in Washington, D.C. During his career, Howie argued hundreds of cases before federal courts of appeals across the country. When he retired, he was assistant general counsel in the NLRB's Appellate and Supreme Court Litigation Branch. He writes, "When not auditing courses at George Mason University, playing golf or serving on various committees, my wife, Linda, and I intend to travel, starting with the Panama Canal in the fall, and Israel in the spring."

Also during the summer, Steve Singer left for a five-week celebratory retirement trip to Europe; Allen Tobias read Fritz Stern '46's autobiography, *Five Germans I Have Known*; Nick Rudd headed to San Francisco to cradle his newborn grandchild, Elizabeth Lucy Rudd; Nick and Dave Levin participated in Convocation to welcome the Class of 2014; and Ivan Weissman attended Old-Timers' Day at Yankee Stadium.

Speaking of baseball, Marty Flamm writes, "I am enjoying my retirement in Arizona with a part-time 'job' as a paid official scorer for Arizona League baseball games. I mostly score the rookie minor league Texas Rangers games, though I also will do a few Dodgers and Padres games. It is nice to get paid to watch games!"

I'll say!
Peter D.G. Brown is the Distinguished Service Professor of German at SUNY New Paltz. He has edited more than 100 books on German history and literature, and his book *Oskar Panizza and The Love Council: A History of the Scandalous Play on Stage and in Court* was published in March. The German play *The Love Council* appeared in 1894. Peter writes: "The *Love Council* is a carnivalesque satire dealing with the first recorded outbreak of syphilis in 1495, which portrays the scourge as divine punishment for the rampant sexual excesses in the Vatican court of the Pope of the time, the notorious Rodrigo Borgia. Panizza was imprisoned for one year on 93 counts of blasphemy, the harshest sentence ever given to an artist in the Second Empire. My book contains a detailed history of the play on stage and the court proceedings that led to Panizza's imprisonment. A new English translation of the play is included as well as a biography of its avant-garde, modernist author."
I am saddened to report the death of Thomas H. Connell III. Since 1981, Tom was the production stage manager — the chief stage manager — at the Metropolitan Opera. The *New York Times* obituary

recounts his colorful and extraordinary career at the Met: nytimes.com/2010/04/28/arts/28connell.html.

Tom's daughter, Phoebe Day Danziger '05, wrote to CCT: "I heard from one of [my dad's] CC classmates during the summer, but as a CC alum, it would mean a lot to me if any of my dad's other classmates had any memories of him, because I don't know too much about his time at Columbia." Phoebe can be reached at phoebedanziger@gmail.com.

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I have not received any news from classmates since our 45th reunion in June. While classmates who attended the reunion may have shared all of their recent doings, I have to request the rest of you keep those informative communications coming!

My wife, Adele, and I spent a wonderful July weekend visiting Bob Kronley and his wife, Ann Rosewater, at their house in the Berkshires near Tanglewood. Bob and Ann's house is in the woods, off a dirt road, and I saw Bob at his rural leisure, a delightful contrast to his Atlanta intensity (not that there's anything wrong with intensity!). We caught a marvelous performance of *Mahler Symphony No. 3* at Tanglewood, where we saw pianist Emanuel Ax '70 in the audience enjoying a performance instead of giving one.

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Lana Mae Noone, widow of Byron Michael Noone, wrote recently that Byron's life and work were celebrated during her remarks at a program she presented at the Woodstock Museum, Bethel, N.Y. (the site at the Woodstock Festival of 1969), on July 25. "My program was part of the Woodstock Museum's Vietnam War 35th Anniversary Retrospective, and I related the events of the '60s and the Woodstock Festival itself to the historical issues and societal shifts that culminated in the

humanitarian Vietnam 'Operation Babylift' effort of 1975, in which Byron played an important role. I referenced Byron Michael's years at Columbia during my talk, which included comments by my daughter, Jennifer Nguyen Noone '99 SW, who is a Vietnam OBI adoptee. *Nesday* published an article about my talk and included a photo of Byron Michael, Jennifer and me, from the day Jen arrived from Vietnam, June 5, 1975. Lana's e-mail is lananoone@yahoo.com.

From Belmont, Mass., **Geoff Dutton** wrote to us this summer, apologizing for having been out of touch for a long time. "When the latest CCT came and this column had so little about our year, I decided I needed to chime in. I'm a relatively anonymous, apathetic alumnus living near Boston since college. Two years out, I married briefly and divorced childless. Thirty years hence, I married again, and remain happily so with a daughter (9). Because as a family man I can't retire, I keep my day job as a mild-mannered technical writer at a technical software vendor. At night I prow the Net as a mysterious political prankster. My career started in academia, doing digital cartography research at a lab at Harvard in the '70s and '80s. After a variety of professional gigs thereafter, in the '90s I threw in the towel and went back to school to get a Ph.D. in geography and publish my obscure dissertation, which fulfilled me but left me nowhere to go. So I started writing about technology for fun and profit, and have since branched into other areas. Some of my writing sloughs off to maxentropyproductions.net/blog, where I happily remain almost anonymous. Maybe it's better that way; too much ego-tripping can suck one inside out. I have plenty to do, and look guardedly forward to retiring when my kid is out of college." Write to Geoff at gdutton@joomla.com.

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Jenik Radon and I had a three-hour lunch in Santa Barbara in July. He was in town for one of his students' weddings, one of the many to which he gets invited. Jenik is an international business attorney who became an activist many years ago and is or has been involved in an incredible number of causes and movements, including Estonia's independence movement, advisor to Georgia's Shevardnadze, the founding of the Afghanistan Relief Committee for refugees and free-

dom fighters displaced during the Afghans' war with Russia, Poland's reformist government and the authoring of Nepal's constitution. I know I've left much out.

In 1990, Jenik established the Eesti and Eurasian Public Service Fellowship at Columbia. It is a prized assignment that earns undergraduates the opportunity to work closely with the nations' presidents and cabinet-level officials in countries such as Estonia, Georgia, Kenya and Nepal. Eesti Fellows have gone on to become Marshall, Rhodes and Fulbright scholars.

Jenik continues to work with the same energy, confidence and charm we remember from his undergraduate days. He practices law, teaches at Columbia and has taught at Stanford, writes, travels, organizes, mobilizes and influences world events in a major way.

He saw **Justin Malewicz** in January. "I was the first member of our class to visit him in Malawi, and I expect to visit again in the fall," Jenik says. "Justin is a former v.p. of Malawi and was responsible for many of the successful reforms of his native country. He takes personal pride in the education reform, as he was a teacher as well as a minister."

Dr. Bill Chin '68 was appointed executive dean for research at Harvard Medical School.

Jeff Herrmann was kind enough to pass along the following news.

"About five years ago, several classmates began meeting for dinner in New York every two or three months, usually at Meridiana, near Columbia, to discuss old times, new times, life, politics, sports and anything else that might come up. The group includes **Mel Breder, Alan Candiotti, Tony Greco, Bill Heinbach, Ira Krakow, Ken Kramer, Harold Wechsler** and me. Art Steinberg '68 joined us later. About 2½ years ago, I moved to London, but on a short visit home this May, we all got together again. I volunteered to collect any comments that the group wanted to pass along, and here is what I gathered so far, in their own words:

"**Mel Breder**: 'I've entered a period of long tenures. I work at TIAA-CREF, where I've been for about 11 years, exceeding my stay at any previous job. My wife, Terry, and I have been together for 29 years, and we've been renovating and remodeling the same house in Brooklyn for the last 27 of those years. Our daughter, Kate (25), and our son, Will (23), are making their way in the world. Fortunately for us, neither child has yet left the

borough, although both have left the house. Aside from the above, spare time goes for reading, cinema, old friends and a bit of travel when possible.'

"**Alan Candiotti** is professor of mathematics at Drew in Madison, N.J., where he has been teaching for the last 30 years. He also is CIO for the university, which divides his professional time between mathematics and technology. He lives in Bernardsville, N.J.

"**Tony Greco**: 'Recently retired, I'm happily using my new freedom to pursue old intellectual interests and enjoy New York City more than ever. I live in Manhattan, not far from Columbia, and am frequently on campus to use the libraries or attend a lecture or seminar. Columbia looks like a much more fun place than it was in our day: There are several cafes on the south campus, including one in Butler Library, and the coed atmosphere is a big improvement over what we knew.'

"**Bill Heinbach** retired in 2002 after more than 30 years as a public middle-school teacher in Brooklyn. He is blessed with health, great family and friends, and almost enough money to enjoy them. He still is in a kind of awe that so many of his fellow students and friends from

Justin, is in London at Citibank in risk analytics, and our younger son, Gabe, is a lawyer for Gibson Dunn in New York. We see Justin regularly, but Gabe only a few times a year. Most recently, the family was together to watch the races from the Royal Enclosure at Royal Ascot. In July, my wife and I were in Siena for the running of the Palio, and in October, we cruised the Nile. In other words, life for us is pretty good these days. I extend an invitation to all classmates to visit us if passing through London."

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September rolled into the city, bringing global cooling. It was really cold out for those of you who are in Naples, Fla.

I ran into **Ira McCown** in September. He then sent an effusive piece about our being in spin class at the gym. He reported that I looked in good shape. Thanks, Ira. He was at the gym, he told me, for the fourth day in a row. He looks ready to row for Columbia. John Tait sent a copy of the WSJ editorial praising Columbia's Core and academic world and concluding, "Where Columbia Beats Harvard: On the Battlefield of Curricula."

But John, we knew that. I will take a football win this fall.

I received a note from **Bill Chin** noting his third career is under way for what he suggested might be a "slow news cycle." I have a copy from the dean of Harvard Medical School announcing the news about Bill. The dean wrote:

"It is my great honor to announce the appointment of William W. Chin, M.D., as HMS executive dean for research, a newly created senior position with overarching responsibility for biomedical research at HMS. As a senior member of my leadership team, Bill will spearhead efforts to design and implement a vision for research at HMS, with special emphasis on interdisciplinary research that crosses departmental and institutional boundaries. He will also hold an academic appointment as professor of medicine at HMS.

"Bill's impressive career is exemplified in part by his extensive bibliography of nearly 300 papers, chapters and books, most of which were generated during his 25 years on the Harvard Medical School faculty. After graduating from HMS in 1972, Bill trained at several HMS teaching hospitals, including a medical internship and residency at Beth Israel Hospital and endocrine clinical training and research at Massachusetts General

Hospital. During his tenure as a faculty member in the Department of Medicine at Brigham and Women's Hospital, he became chief of the Genetics Division and a Howard Hughes Medical Institute investigator, advancing to professor of medicine and obstetrics, gynecology and reproductive biology at HMS.

"In this new role at HMS, Bill assumes a key HMS leadership position at a remarkable moment in the history of biology and medicine. One of Bill's highest priorities will be to conceptualize and develop new research initiatives, such as the therapeutics discovery initiative, envisioned as a focused and innovative effort to bring together the enormous expertise of our community in order to find effective new ways for transforming the world's most vital biomedical research into therapies that can directly improve human health. Bill will also develop a coherent strategy for the school's scientific interactions with industry, ensuring it is both aligned with the HMS Faculty Policy on Conflicts of Interest and Commitment and is capable of advancing critical unmet needs.

"Bill will work closely with me, other HMS deans, the HMS pre-clinical chairs and other research leaders across our affiliated institutions and the broader university to develop a framework for strategic scientific planning. Bill will engage the community in support of our key research initiatives designed to sustain HMS as the leading biomedical research institution well into the future."

I did stretch the expansive piece by the dean, but his ebullience comes through clearly. Great to hear from you, Bill, and congratulations. We wish you great success in your third career.

Talking about professors, Ted Kaptchuk wrote a little note: "I have a family and am an associate professor of medicine at Harvard Medical School. Most of my work is researching placebo effects. Still kicking."

Glad to hear you are doing well, and it is wonderful how a sugar pill makes folks feel better sometimes.

I continue to get beautiful pictures from Bob Carlson from Sitka, Alaska. They are truly amazing, with eagles and bears and scenic views of mountains and snow. If any of you want to be added to his list, I am sure he would send them to you, too. Let me know and I will let him know.

I chatted with Jim Shorter. He was about to go on a trip. Maybe China again for business. He sounded great and busy.

Ed Brennan and his wife, Jane, are being (and I knew this, Ed) good

people. Ed sent this:

"For the past two years, I have been devoting an increasing amount of my time (when not doing a wonderful job for my investment clients) to an organization my wife, Jane Ross (whom I met at the Columbia Business School EMDP program in 1978), started 10 years ago. It is called Smart Kids with LD (note: not gifted, but stemming from the observation that many, many children with learning disabilities are really quite smart).

"Jane started the organization after spending several years learning about and finding the resources she needed to help our son Ben, who only learned to read in the fifth grade. But once on track, he was not to be denied. Graduating Phi Beta Kappa from Bowdoin in 2008, Ben recently entered the master's in architecture program at Columbia.

"The first honorary chair was David Neelman, founder of Jet-Blue and self-confessed LD person. His position was recently taken by the 'Fonz,' aka Henry Winkler, and two short videos with him talking about his own experiences growing up and pitching for a Smart Kids read-a-thon can be seen at www.SmartKidswithLD.org.

"Beginning two years ago, Smart Kids made a decision to move from a paid subscription-based printed newsletter to a free web-delivered newsletter and resource center. This will only be feasible longer-term if a sufficient number of people become subscribers to the newsletter by signing up.

"We have found that grandparents (our generation, as much as it's painful to admit) have been very helpful to their children and in turn grandchildren by using information available through Smart Kids. Who knows, maybe even some of the younger grads might spy a reference to Smart Kids in your Class Notes and spread the word further.

"Jane whipped me into shape by finding more garden projects for me this summer than I knew existed, melting me down from a portly 242 in early May to a nearly svelte 215 now."

Awsome, Ed and Jane. Great to hear what you are up to, and Ed, as Tom Sanford said at our reunion, exercise is the way to go.

I am looking forward to the football season this year, under way as you read this. Paul de Bary's seats are next to mine so we will share some good fall weather again this year. The coach seems fabulous. The team looks better than last year. So it should be a good year if not a great one for the Lions.

I continue to do public finance, working on a \$1 billion financing

for the State of Utah to be completed in a couple of weeks as of this writing, and having some good fun and enjoying my place in Saratoga more than in the past. The opera season is under way. Maybe I will run into Bill Hentrich, as in the past. The Texan and his lovely wife show up there periodically. My first opera of the season was *Boris Godunov*. It has been a long time since I saw the Czar on the Met stage.

Do write and let me know the news of the day. I hope you are all well.

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Two classmates responded to my July/August column, in which I mentioned that—for lack of news sent to me—I used the Internet to pick up biographical information on classmates.

From Mark Leeds: "You should not have to subsist on secondhand news, so, listening to the '65-'69 selection on tropicalgen.com, I will dust off the old keyboard. Most people are not really interested in the vicissitudes of the lives of others, particularly the 'zuris' parts. Sometimes it is good to share happy things ('Shep Nachas'), although doing so is said to attract the Evil Eye ('kenahara,' or thinking of it as part of a Borscht Belt team with Shep Nachas, Ken O'Hara). That said, I will shep a bit of nachas.

"Still trying to make the world a better place, I am special senior counsel at the NYC Environmental Control Board and, trying to advance recognition of rights of people with disabilities, I am active in bar association and other efforts. My wife, Dr. Marian Demeny '69 Barnard, '88 P&S (allergy fellowship) is board-certified in allergy and in pediatrics. For our 40th anniversary, in July, I told her I want 40 more. In March, we became grandparents. I have been waiting for our daughter, Dr. Elizabeth Leeds Lobel '02, to share this and other news through her own Class Notes, but she is just too busy.

"This summer, Elizabeth finished a three-year psychiatry residency at Long Island Jewish Medical Center, The Zucker Hillside Hospital and began a two-year child psych fellowship at Mount Sinai in Manhattan. She and her husband, Rabbi Joshua Lobel of Plainville, N.Y., celebrated their seventh anniversary. My son, Daniel, after a bachelor's and a master's in computer

science and electrical engineering at MIT, recently earned a master's in robotics at Carnegie Mellon, where, with his second National Science Foundation graduate fellowship, he is well on his way to a Ph.D. at the Center for the Neural Basis of Cognition."

Hank Reichman writes: "Thank you for the nice writing in the summer issue of CCT. It takes courage, I think, to go onto the Internet and find info on people and trust that it will be genuine. But you're apparently an excellent researcher, and your information on me was accurate. I did get some space in the alumni news about a decade ago (at our age, who can keep track?), and I had been thinking of writing to you with an update but was waiting for some notable achievement or milestone to report. I thought I might have one when, 18 months ago, the Academic Senate of the California State University System submitted my name and one other to our movie-star governor for appointment as the sole CSU faculty representative to the CSU Board of Trustees. California law provides that the governor 'shall appoint' from a list of at least two candidates provided by the Senate, but first his office dawdled and then last December demanded more names, which on principle the Senate refused to provide. It now appears that no one will be appointed at least until we have a new governor, leaving more than 20,000 CSU faculty in our 23 universities without representation on the board and me with only a run-of-the-mill professional disappointment to report. Yesterday, however, I received my copy of CCT when I returned home from formally filing my retirement papers, surely a milestone worth noting. I will be participating in an 'early retirement' program that allows me to receive my full, but still all-too-meager, pension while continuing to teach no more than half-time for no more than five years. Of course, a half-time teaching load in the CSU is larger than a full-time load at Columbia or Barnard, but, still, it's a pretty good deal. In addition to the faculty governance activities you reported, from which I will be stepping down in retirement, I also served on our faculty union collective bargaining team (this may be why the governor was reluctant to appoint me!). Since the financial crisis eliminated most of the hard-fought gains we won in our last contract, I'm back on that team this go-round (our contract expired June 30) in the hope that we can win back at least some of what we've lost.

"My experiences at Columbia have turned out to be good training

for dealing with difficult university administrators. As I told our classmates at the 40th reunion luncheon, I once faked down an inordinately pushy dean with this remark: 'You don't intimidate me; when I was 21 I helped kidnap a dean!' An exaggeration, to be sure, but he did back down."

Hank continues: "Members of our class might also be interested to learn that when **Mark Rudd** published his memoir *Underground: My Life with SDS and the Weathermen* (which I recommend), I arranged to have him give a talk on my university campus. Mark did a great job, and our students were fascinated by his stories and his heartfelt self-criticism, but what made the event unusual is that some right-wing activists showed up to 'confront' Mark (ironically, in a style more often employed in our youth by people like Mark and me!), bringing with them a man who had earlier been the only police agent to infiltrate the Weather Underground (for the details, see Mark's book or the profile in the 'Bookshelf' section of the July/August 2009 CCT: college.columbia.edu/cct/jul_aug09). Well, it was quite a scene, and as the moderator, I had to work hard to ensure that things didn't get out of hand and all sides had their say. I was backed up by half our campus police force, but fortunately they didn't have to do anything but stand around. In the end, Mark even invited the former agent to take the podium and offer his version of events.

"I'm in the 35th year of my marriage to Susan Hatcher '70 Barnard, whom I met and fell for in SDS during our senior year. After 33 years as a public defender, Susan retired last year. Our son, Daniel (25), lives with us while running the office of a local attorney in solo practice. He's gotten into organic gardening and has turned our backyard into a minor agricultural center. He even raises his own worms. Our daughter, Alice (21), is entering her senior year at Claremont McKenna College. She was wait-listed by Columbia, but CMC has turned out to be a perfect place for her. Like her dad, she's a history major, but she intends to follow in her mom's shoes and become a criminal defense attorney. This spring we traveled to Memphis to watch her compete in the collegiate mock trial national championships. This also allowed us to see old friends from when I taught at Memphis State for five years in the 1980s.

"In retirement, I hope to get back to writing. My first project will be to transform a conference paper I did last year on Soviet rock

stars Andrei Makarevich of Time Machine and Boris Grebenshchikov of Aquarium into a publishable work. Seems appropriate, since so many of my good Columbia friends, such as **Gregg Geller**, **Bob Merlis** and **Mark Wenner '71**, went into the music biz. One of my biggest hopes for retirement is to come back to Columbia for a year to teach CCT. I loved that class and in many ways it helped shape my future, but I also know that I, for one, never really learn anything until I have to teach it. I had a brief conversation about this with Dean Michele Moody-Adams when she was in SF earlier this year (**Woody Lewis**, who recently moved back to New York from the Bay Area, and I 'represented' our class at that event), and she seemed receptive. Here in the Bay Area, some members of our class and other veterans of the '68 strike, including **Peter Clapp**, **William Obenzinger** and **Alan Senauke**, have been keeping in touch and getting together."

Victor Hertz '70 is president and CEO of Legal Language Services.

In another attempt to stimulate news, I've signed onto Facebook and LinkedIn and tried to locate classmates. My social networking yielded one item so far. From **John Castellucci**: "In September 2008, after 30 years as a reporter, I took a buyout from the *Providence Journal*, the newspaper where I had spent two-thirds of my career. A month after I left, the *Journal* laid off 31 people, among them a talented young reporter with whom I worked on several breaking news stories, including one that was headlined: 'I CALLED THEM FOR HELP: Mother says Pawtucket police didn't have to shoot her son.' It took the reporter 599 days to find another job. It's been widely reported that reporters are an endangered species. It's true. For someone just starting out in journalism, this is a terrible time. But for me, the meltdown of the news business hasn't been a crisis, it's been an opportunity. Thanks to the buyout, I can finally do the kind of developed reporting I couldn't do when I had a column to fill every 24 hours. Since leaving the *Journal*, I've written several book reviews and op-ed pieces, pitched a book about the Station Nightclub fire and had a 2,500-word article published in *The Chronicle of Higher Education* about the night, during the 1968 Columbia disturbances, that Professor Orin Ranum's papers were set afire. The research I did for the Ranum piece was fa-

clitated by a thing widely blamed for destroying newspapers: the Internet. I found a treasure trove of information on websites such as www.columbia1968.com. I got in touch with **Mark Rudd** by e-mail. I used the Internet telephone service Skype to interview Professor Ranum at his summer home in Villefranche-de-Panat, France."

Congratulations to **Michael Rothfeld**, the recipient of the 2010 Alexander Hamilton Medal (to be presented on November 18 at the Alexander Hamilton Award Dinner, an annual black-tie event held in Low Rotunda). The medal, the highest honor paid to a member of the Columbia College community, is awarded annually by the Columbia College Alumni Association to an alumnus/a or faculty member for distinguished service to the College and accomplishment in any field of endeavor.

As reported in the "Around the Quads" section of the September/October CCT, Mike, a 1970-71

International Fellow at SIPA, is a University Trustee and a CCAA board member. He is a former chair of the Columbia College Board of Visitors and also has served on the advisory board of the Journalism School's Knight-Bagehot Program in business and financial journalism. A theatrical producer and private equity investor, Mike has been an associate editor of *Fortune*, assistant to the chairman and CEO of Time, an investment banking v.p. of Salomon Brothers, a managing director in the investment banking division of The First Boston Corp. and, through private corporations, a general partner of Bessemer Capital Partners and Bessemer Holdings. He was a director of The Overhead Door Corp., Graphic Controls Corp. (non-executive chair) and Kelly Oil & Gas. He was a member in 1979 of the first cultural delegation from the United States to the People's Republic of China. Mike received the Drama Desk and Outer Critics Circle awards and was nominated for a Tony for the revival of *Come Fly With Me*. His production company received the Lucille Lortel Award for the New York revival of *Our Town*. He is also a director of The Jed Foundation and a trustee of Second Stage theater. Mike is married to Ella M. Foshay '71 GSAS, '79 GSAS, who holds a Ph.D. in art history. They are the parents of Ella M. Foshay-Rothfeld '06 and Augusta F. Foshay-Rothfeld '08.

The vitality of this column re-

quires participation, especially since it is frustrating for me to e-mail requests for news that often go unanswered. You can send me your news or your reflections on our College years by e-mail or via Facebook or LinkedIn. Maybe our class can form a group on these sites.

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It is with regret that I report the passing on October 20, 2009, of **Stephen G. Plummer**, who was a chairman and CEO in Crumpler, N.C.

I also wish to report on a new feature at the CCT website. There is a "Contact Us" button on the homepage (college.columbia.edu/cct) that opens to a link that allows readers to submit a Class Note directly to me from the site (college.columbia.edu/cct/submit_class_note). Select our class year from the pulldown menu. Please report any newsworthy items.

Danny Feldman reported at reunion that he is leaving his position at the Office of the State Comptroller to become a professor at John Jay College. **Bernie Josephberg** continues as superintendent of schools for Leonia, N.J., public schools. **Victor Hertz** is president and CEO of Legal Language Services, and **Peter Sugar** keeps matters in order for NYC Mayor Michael Bloomberg at the Office of Management and Budget. I also had a nice conversation with **Joel Mintz**, a professor at Nova Southeastern University Shephard Broad School of Law, regarding the BP oil spill and its effects on environmental regulation in this country. Finally, **Richard Goodman** retired in April as CFO of PepsiCo.

Please keep me in mind when you have news to report.

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Mitch Orfuss: "Life is good. After a not-very-*Mad Men* career in advertising for 35 years, during most of which my wife, Kate, and I and kids, Kathryn '11 Georgetown and Stuart '14 Lynchburg College, lived two

miles from campus, I am happily at work for a company I became acquainted with and joined forces with during my agency career, a professional-services firm that applies technology and scale to print production, which is as analog a business as you are likely to find.

"That, and my wife's return to health from leukemia following a stem-cell transplant in 2008, have been rejuvenating for me.

"Though a recent diagnosis of arthritis in my feet has put a voluntary end to my daily runs, I still work out conscientiously (or is it compulsively?) and read as if I still had reading lists—if with less pressure and intensity (though perhaps better analytic ability!). And so, in unexpected ways, my Columbia life seems more present to me now than it did then, and certainly more than it was in the first 10 or 20 years after graduation. I suspect that Columbia had as incalculable an effect on my classmates (I knew so few of you, unfortunately) as it did on me, and I am very lucky for it. Wishing all the best to the Class of '71."

Mark Silverman: "After a long silence, here I am. After CU, I attended University of Connecticut medical school (Mike Kempster and I were classmates) followed by training at Yale and New England Deaconess in anatomic pathology. "Being in the right place at the right time, I met and married Susan Mohr (Silverman) '72 Barnard after a chance meeting at the Barnard library.

"Being in the right place, again, I became the founder and chair of the department of pathology at Lahey Clinic outside of Boston when the new hospital was built in 1980. My solo department has grown into a large and sophisticated pathology group.

"We settled in Newton, Mass., where we have lived for almost 30 years, raising three great kids along the way. Jill, our oldest, is an attorney at Goldman Sachs after spending four years at Paul Weiss. She's done well despite being handicapped with a B.A. from Yale. It felt a little strange hearing about her working with some of my classmates, but everyone was really nice to her, proving to me once again how wonderful our years at Columbia were.

"My son David '09 Business saved the light and attended Columbia for a M.B.A., recovering from his Harvard follies. He is now one of those 'guys' and works at Eagle Capital in New York.

"Our youngest, Billy, is a charming young man who knows how to enjoy himself as he looks for a job after finishing Emory last spring. He also lives in New York. Anyone looking for a multi-talented and

charming young man who has a strong working knowledge of ancient Greek and Latin, look no further.

"My only Columbia regrets have been not being able to stay in touch with more of the class over the years. If you're in Boston, give us a call!"

David Margulies: "I am a research scientist at the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases of the National Institutes of Health, where my major interest is in understanding the function and structure of various molecules expressed on the cell surface that regulate the immune system.

"I pretty much have the same position that I've had for the last 25 or 30 years, though I have retired from my position as an officer in the Public Health Service and now have an appointment in the Senior Biomedical Research Service. Of course, the research changes and draws me into new approaches and new problems.

"My connection to Columbia has been reinforced since our son, Dan '13, a chemical physics major, is a student. This past summer, Dan worked in the laboratory of Nicholas Turro, who taught one semester of my organic chemistry class in 1969! I guess some things don't change.

"When visiting Dan this summer, I got a tour of the lecture halls in Havemeyer (exactly the same as '67-'71) and the new labs there as well.

"The Columbia chemistry connection continued recently at the NIH, when I attended a seminar given by Charles Cantor (now at Boston University and founder of some four biotech companies), who taught a graduate biochemistry course I took in 1971 and was an advisor of mine. After the seminar, I talked with Cantor, reminding him that I had taken his course almost 40 years ago. He asked my name, and promptly replied, 'Oh yes, I remember the name.' (Whether he really remembered or was being politically astute, I can't say.)

"We've made a few trips from Maryland to New York, rediscovering the vitality of the Upper West Side, and allowing us to connect with some old friends, particularly Joe Mandel, who lives in New York. The last reunion sparked connections with my freshman/sophomore roommate, Rick Marsh, with whom I met up with again last year in D.C., as well as several others.

"I continue to have a charmed existence, married now more than 30 years to Donna Vogel (a recent *jeopardy!* champion) and following the progress of our older son, Ben, as he applies his chemistry background to enology and viticulture at several Virginia wineries. I

enthusiastically look forward to the reunion in June."

Ah, yes! Reunion! Earlier in the evening that I wrote this, I attended (by phone) a Reunion Committee meeting. There are lots of ideas under consideration to take advantage of both Columbia and New York. A few years ago the Alumni Office incorporated Dean's Day into reunion, offering even more activities and the opportunity to attend lectures on Saturday by Columbia professors.

I always have a great time at reunion, with both old friends and new. Our class always has a strong turnout. See ya there, Thursday, June 2–Sunday, June 5. Mark your calendars now.

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David Ricks, a self-described "delinquent classmate," brought us up-to-date on what's been happening in his life. "I work at the National Institutes of Health in Rockville, Md. Our multicultural family now includes two daughters (U.S.), wife Fatima (Somalia), two sons-in-law (U.S., Costa Rica), two sons (Canada, U.S.) and two grandkids (U.S./Costa Rica). Recent Columbia contacts include opera critic John Yohalem '71, zymography sculptor Jim Stewart and art curator Peter Frank. I am enjoying 'The Adventures of David and Fatima' more than ever, still learning, growing and looking forward to what's next."

"As for me," writes Colin Petz, "I returned to Columbia in 1976 after graduating with a barely earned B.A. I then studied calculus, organic chem and other non-lyrical forms of poetry, and became a physician at the fermented age of 33. At 55, I entered Harvard through the back door, while practicing medicine in Massachusetts, and reenacted sophomore year, sharing after-class beers and philosophical diversions with the clear-eyed Harvard cognoscenti. I loved it. These digressions aside, 'Quantum Columbia,' as I now imagine her, can no longer be located, by me at least, precisely in space-time without losing a sense of her momentum. Perhaps she has leapt ahead of the space-time conundrum altogether, into that void we feel somewhere behind our eyes. Perhaps she's observing us as we look backwards futilely to recapture the experience of her. Sometimes I worry about it. Delphi carved three millennia ago: 'Know thyself.' And I mean both you and me, beloved Columbia, entangled

as we are! Can we summon when needed the wisdom of Athena from the persona secreted in the folds of your gown? I'll meet you on top of the library steps."

John Miller spent the summer hiking many state parks in Ohio and West Virginia, and was introduced by a good friend to the world of Renaissance Faires. "We attended one near Cleveland during the summer, and we will be going to one in Cincinnati in October. We dress in the period and immerse ourselves in the fun of the period. I probably will forever introduce my wife to people as My Lady. Anyone who hasn't gone to a 'Ren Faire' should try it. To really enjoy it, you must at least rent an outfit there to join in the merriment. Being dressed in the period leads to much more interaction with others. Costumes vary from peasants to nobility, pirates, barbarians, knights, etc."

John will be visiting NYC this December (anyone interested in connecting with John during his visit can contact me for information). "My Lady has never seen New York, and I'm looking forward to showing her New York at Christmas. Is there a more beautiful place than that? And of course there will be ice skating," he says.

Some news shorts: **Sean Wilentz** has a new book out that had a great review in *The New York Times* Sunday book section in early September. It's called *Bob Dylan in America*, and it's about ... well, you know. **Mark Roe**, the David Berg Professor of Law at Harvard Law School, spent the fall semester as a visiting scholar at the Law School. (Isn't David Berg the guy who used to draw the "Lighter Side" cartoons for *Mad Magazine*?)

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As the seasons go 'round and 'round (and CCT does the same), I remind everyone there is a time lag between submission of notes and seeing them in print; if I receive notes directly after a column is sent in, that could be as much as four months, a consequence of the CCT publishing schedule. Sorry!

Richard Dorfman's first feature film, *Pictures of Lilly*, won an Award of Merit at the Indie Fest in La Jolla, Calif. Richard's production company is Zenor Productions. He was seeking distribution for the film and creating his own website when his e-mail arrived in July.

Allen Schill has lived in Torino, Italy, for 14 years, with the last few on Superga, the mountain that

had hoped to come home with a notebook full of news and things to include in these notes, but will have to rely on you all to send me updates. Please send e-mails!

Elizabeth, Roberta and Richard Barnett and Barry Pinchoff came in from Long Island.

Barry Berger, Tamar and Gary Brill, Stacey and Gene Davis (and clan — I fondly remember sitting with you all at the Alexander Hamilton Award Dinner a few years ago), Ben Greene and Albert Mrozlik represented New Jersey.

Coming from far away were Jim Dolan from Maryland (my fellow Balti-morons), Peter Garza-Zavaleta (Florida), Sue and Gerry Keating (Florida), Jeff Kessler (Virginia), Glenda and Tom Quarnstrom (where are you these days? I don't seem to have a current address), Joyce and Jeff Retig (Pennsylvania) and Ken Scherzer (Tennessee — hey Ken, I'm working at a Banner school now).

David Gawarecki (Connecticut — what parking schemes do you have when you come to campus?), Steve Krasner (Rhode Island) and Patricia and Paul Kulig (Vermont) were down from New England.

And, no surprise, the largest contingent was from the New York Metro area: Bert Grossman '75E; Steve Jacobs; Jane and Bob Katz; Helaine and Stew Lazow; Fern, Maxwell, Sally, Susan and Charlie Lindsay; Robert Lopez; Janet Serle and Ira Malin (city dwellers again); Peter McCann; Steve Miller; Jacqueline and Joseph Pober; Clara and Walter Riccardi; Regina Mullaly and Bob Schneider; Rick Shur; Mitch Stein; Wayne Turner; Nancy Jane and Floyd Warren; and Lisa and Richard Witten.

If I missed anyone, got a location wrong or made any other errors in the above, forgive me (and send updates)!

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The only news I'll report this time is mine: I've moved to a new job in a new town. It was strange leaving Stanford and the Bay Area for the wilds of Idaho, but it's a happy

move to a progressive, growing university in a terrific town (one of those places that appears on "top 10 cities to live in" lists in magazines). I left administration in a provost's office to go back onto a tenure line in an English department, where I'll pick up research again, teach undergrads and grads, and share admin work with colleagues. Specifically, I'm directing both the writing center and the university's writing-across-the-curriculum efforts.

My wife, Nancy, is teaching antebellum American lit in the department; my son Jesse (15) is attending her alma mater, Boise HS; and my son Gabriel (8) is in the third grade at Lowell Elementary, which is a defacto international school from absorbing so many recent immigrants from Eastern Europe and Africa, notably Somalia.

Please note my new contact information, at the top of the column. And please send your items along for future columns.

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Steve Caley extends greetings to everyone. He lives in Westchester and works in NYC, where he's been with Kelley Drye & Warren for many years and is a partner in the litigation department. "My practice focuses on complex business and commercial litigation and advertising-related litigation," Steve explains, noting further that his wife, Bonnie, is a Law School alum. "Our oldest daughter graduated from Dartmouth last year and lives and works in the Boston area. Her sister is a junior at Northwestern. In recent years, I have been bitten by the golf bug. Fortunately for me, golf is one of the few activities that one can do poorly and still enjoy tremendously."

Like the rest of us (if more poetically), Steve finds it hard to believe how much time has passed since "our halcyon days on Morningside Heights."

I was pleased to hear from David Rothkopf and even more pleased that my e-mail dunning him for news gave him a break from his latest book project. "After having had a media company in New York, I was asked to join the Clinton administration in 1993 as deputy under secretary of commerce for international trade policy. When I left in 1996, I was acting under secretary of commerce for international trade, in which I oversaw all the department's international trade promotion and enforcement activities. From there, I did a couple years

as managing director of Kissinger Associates and then founded a company, Intellibridge, which provided open-source intelligence to the U.S. government and companies. After that company was sold, I started what has become Gorden Rothkopf, an advisory firm co-chaired by former dean of the Yale School of Management Jeffrey E. Garten. At the same time, I've been doing a lot of writing and academic work. I taught for a number of years as an adjunct at SIPA, did likewise at Georgetown and am now also a visiting scholar at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace."

And that, again, is the brief report; for more details, you might consult the profile of David that appeared in the May/June 2008 issue of CCT (college.columbia.edu/cct/may_jun08). Among other books, David has written *Running the World: The Inside Story of the National Security Council and the Architects of American Power and Supercycles: The Global Power Elite and the World They are Making*. The book I interrupted, due out in 2011, deals with the history and the future of the relationship between business and government. In addition, let it be noted that David writes regularly for *Foreign Policy*, among other publications. Living in Bethesda, MD, David has been able to see former roommate Mike Oren (Israeli ambassador) fairly often. "I'm also in touch with another former roommate, Andy Greenspan, although given that he is in far-away Florida, I don't get to see him that often. He seems to be thriving however, and both ex-roommates have managed thankfully neither to age nor to lose their senses of humor, so when I'm with them, I feel like nothing has changed at all. (Sometimes no change at all is the best kind of progress. Oy ... I think I've been in Washington too long.)"

David's wife, Adrean, works for Research in Motion, his older daughter, Joanna, is studying at the Sorbonne, while the younger, Laura, "gives me yet another reason to think of Columbia regularly, as she is starting her sophomore year at Barnard, on whose international advisory board I now have the pleasure of serving," David adds. "I travel constantly, keeping up with the world primarily by reading *Columbia College Today*."

Updates from all over: The aforementioned Mike Oren had an op-ed piece in *The New York Times* on June 3. Six degrees of Richard Otter: "Me and Barack Obama [83], what's the connection? My wife and Obama both attended Punahou School in Hawaii, Obama and I attended Columbia for college, Obama taught at the Univer-

sity of Chicago, which I attended for grad school. We both lived in Hyde Park in Chicago. Now, however, he lives in Washington, D.C., and I am in Oakland, Calif." (Richard was pursuing an M.A. in biochemistry at Chicago, incidentally, and has worked since 1997 for Bio-Rad Laboratories.) As of this writing, Bob Schuchts is expecting an impressive sixth grandchild. And Adam Nortick is proud to announce that his daughter, Mariel, is a 2010 graduate of the Dental School: "Mariel will be doing a residency in pediatric dentistry at the University of Alabama, Birmingham," he informs us, and also that he will henceforth be known as "Papa Doc."

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The bright blue sky shines over the red brick of Morningside Heights as the latest college ratings (which in other circles we are supposed to say mean nothing and use an obscure and unfathomable methodology) have moved Columbia up to No. 4 in *U.S. News & World Report's* large university standings. [Editor's note: See Campus News in "Around the Quads."] This is a great achievement for our president and the power of a good set of strategies, fundraising and the ascendancy of New York City as the global city and alma mater as its muse.

Anyway, for those of us going along for the ride it's nice to see.

Robert Crockett writes, "I've always been amazed by your staying power [as your humble scribe, no doubt, Bob would have no clue as to any other sorts of staying power] and also by the amazing things

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Dr. Francis Collini '78 Leads Surgical Teams to Ecuador

By CASEY PLETT

Two years ago, in Ecuador, a 9-year-old boy who had stepped on a nail came to Dr. Francis Collini '78. The neglected wound had become chronically infected, and the only cure was a below-the-knee amputation.

"He had a small tear in his eye," Collini says, "but he brightened up and said 'That's OK, doc. I know I'm gonna be successful even with one leg. Because my pediatrician has one leg and he's a doctor like you. So if he can do it, so can I.' For a 9-year-old to have that kind of fortitude! Eighteen months later, the boy sent Collini photographs. 'He's healed and doing great,'" Collini says.

Starting in 1994, Collini has made it his mission to lead a group of volunteer surgeons from America to Ecuador one week every summer to do reconstructive plastic surgery for patients in need. He currently takes anywhere from 24-30 people with him, and the brave, one-legged boy is one of more than 1,000 people treated by Collini or his team.

Collini initially traveled to Ecuador with Hands Healing Hearts, an organization he co-founded with a surgical colleague. After nine years, the colleague opted not to continue and the organization disbanded. A couple of years later, Collini's wife, Susan, urged him to return to Ecuador. Collini agreed "on one condition," he says: that she organize the trips.

She accepted, and in 2006, the couple founded Community Cares for Kids (communitycaresforkids.org), the current vehicle for Collini's team.

Cleft lip/palate repair, ear

and burn reconstruction, and club foot repair are some of the surgeries Community Cares for Kids performs. Ecuadorians are informed through television and newspaper advertisements about the team's arrival and the surgical services offered.

Much of the organization's work concerns transporting equipment to the operating theater, a naval hospital in the city of Guayaquil. (The team stays in a nearby hotel.) "Anything in an operative field you will need you have to bring with you," Collini says. This year he and his team flew down 2,300 lbs. of equipment, from maxillofacial plates to nasal implants to sterile supplies. The mammoth inventory is overseen by Collini's mother, Cynthia, a nurse.

Though volunteers constitute the entire team, the annual trip costs approximately \$25,000. Funds come from a mixture of a small group of regular donors, an annual fundraiser and a grant from the charitable organization SmileTrain (smiletrain.org).

"Frank's a gifted surgeon," says Dr. Jaime Morhaim '78, '82 P&S, a bilingual doctor — and Collini's College roommate — who accompanies Collini to Ecuador as a translator. "There aren't many people in the world who can do the reconstructive stuff he does. To see him go from sitting across the room from me studying organic chemistry, to this ... it's pretty impressive." He and Collini speak several times a week.

As a high school senior in Bay Ridge, Brooklyn, Collini debated between Columbia and Fordham. "I was very naive," he says. "I probably asked 50 people which college I should



Dr. Francis Collini '78 operates on a child with a cleft palate.

go to. All 50 said Columbia."

And Columbia has followed him to Ecuador. Dr. Dave Levens '82 P&S is part of the surgical team, and Dr. Roy Sheinbaum '82 P&S, an anesthesiologist, has helped in the past. Collini met both in his time at the College. Dr. Ray Ortega, a surgeon on the team whom Collini knows from high school, is an attending at P&S now, and Dr. John Andrews '89 Dental, who traveled with the team two years ago, met Collini when he moved to Pennsylvania.

Collini says he did not seek out Columbia people, but colleagues he knew from Columbia asked to be included as the Ecuadorian team grew. "It's really been quite amazing how Columbia gets involved," he says.

Collini majored in psychology, then attended SUNY Downstate Medical School in Brooklyn. He began his residency at Johns Hopkins but left because his pursuit of plastic surgery had earned scorn from some of the other doctors.

"In those days, [it] was a very

young field ... looked at as quasi-surgical," he explains. "I was strongly considering going into surgical infections and diseases, but at the crucial moment I dug deep into my guts." He transferred and finished residency at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey.

After three years with the Mayo Clinic followed by six months with Hollywood surgeon Richard Ellenbogen, Collini opened a practice in Shavertown, Pa., in 1990, where he and his wife raised their children, Lauren, 23, and Joey, 20. He continues to live and run a practice there.

According to Collini, Ecuador has the highest rate of microtia (underdevelopment of the ear) in the world, along with staggering rates of cleft lip/palate and burn injuries. While his team is in Ecuador, they will triage 250-300 patients and treat about 65 of them.

"You make the decision that moment whether they get the surgery," Morhaim says. "And a lot of them can't." Not every kind of specialist can go down every year, and some patients have multiple syndromes that make treatment beyond the organization's capacity. Also, the hosting hospital does not have an ICU, prohibiting extended treatment beyond one overnight stay. "It's just tragic, it's beyond anything you've ever seen," Morhaim says. "But you keep going down. Once you go, you can't stop."

Collini echoes his longtime friend. "I'm going to do it until I can't do it anymore. I really enjoy it that much."

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some of our classmates did and are doing. I practice general surgery but given the state of our healthcare reform, I am considering attending school in Modoc, Calif., to learn how to operate railroad locomotives. The pay is not as good, but it's cleaner, and you can always strike if the government cuts your pay.

"Alas, the hours are about the

same. I have left my practice in West Virginia and am doing locums surgery in Alaska and New Mexico, both at Native American hospitals. The organizations are poorly organized and inefficient, but the staff is dedicated to providing healthcare, and the patients are grateful. I have made one trip to Haiti as a volunteer surgeon and have another planned

as I write this. I continue to be blessed with excellent health and the wonderful companionship of my wife, Donna Lynn Smith. I am not sure what the future holds but am looking forward to an interesting 2011."

Alfred G. Felius selflessly notes, "The Hon. Joseph A. Greenaway Jr. was appointed by President

Obama to the Federal Court of Appeals, Third Circuit, in February. Joe had been a federal district judge for the District of New Jersey since 1996."

Mark Axinn has been "meaning to write as I actually do have some news worthy of your column. Last April, I was elected chair of the New York State Libertarian Party.

Dedicated to increasing freedom and personal liberty in our lives, the Libertarian Party is the country's third largest political party after the Democrats and Republicans.

"This summer, I coordinated a petition drive that resulted in 34,000 signatures being submitted to the Board of Elections (we needed 15,000) for the Libertarian slate in New York. We have pro-freedom, anti-war candidates running for Senate, Congress, governor, lieutenant governor, comptroller, attorney general and state assembly.

"The entrenched parties make it virtually impossible for independents to challenge their hold on power. Hopefully my efforts this year will make it a bit easier to provide voters in New York with a choice other than statism and more government."

Good luck, Mark, and perhaps you can tell us what is really happening with the Tea Party folks....

Tom Reuter reports, "My wife, Grace '78 Barnard, and I live near Albany. In a wonderful turn of family planning, this spring we will attend our son Tim '11's graduation followed three days later by our son Matthew '07's medical school graduation at Georgetown. The reception and grandparent management will probably kill us. We never thought about this when we decided to hold them back an extra year for kindergarten because they were too young.

"Tim is a history major and future college professor. He had a wonderful time during study-abroad at the University of St. Andrews in Scotland. He is proud of the fact that between his visit to the Parthenon museum in Athens and the British museum in London, he has mastered the first month of Art Humanities. Scotland was a wonderful experience except for the food. 'Dad,' he said, 'if I have mutton one more time there will be bullets.'"

"So, Mom and Dad agreed to meet him for a few days during his spring break in a place where the food is fabulous, Paris. Everything went as expected: The museums were crowded, the staff at the store was rude, the waiters were attentive, but alas, during the spring the Parisians serve lamb. No matter, it was delicious, one of the best meals ever. We all enjoyed touring Paris.

"Matthew is applying for a residency in orthopedics. He was away on rotations in orthopedics at New York Presbyterian/Columbia University Medical Center in October and at Yale-New Haven Hospital in November. So there will soon be another Columbia Lion residing, at least temporarily, in Eli country!"

And me with the bad back may

need him!

Tom's photo of Columbia men's lacrosse action was published in the September 8 *Spectator*, for which he did not receive a photo credit. This continues a tradition started by his older son, in high school, where Tom's photo credit always was turned into "Yearbook" or "Development Office."

We have a report that Ephraim Rubenstein was featured at the George Billis Gallery, in the Chelsea Art District in New York City. The gallery features work by both national and international emerging and established artists.

And finally, Yale J. Reissner has the farthest return address for the month, as he tells us from Warsaw, Poland, what he has been up to. "I don't write much because my life makes for dull copy: I haven't changed addresses in 16 years or wives—even once!—during the last 28. And still the very same daughter. Yet every day is new and fascinating, thank God.

"Since our memories aren't getting any better, here's what all that stability has entailed:

"In 1994, I established the Ronald S. Lauder Foundation Genealogy Project at Warsaw's Jewish Historical Institute to help Jews with Polish roots research their family histories. The project grew to include Poles discovering Jewish roots and Holocaust survivors seeking family and people claiming citizenship or property; and to consult for NGOs, rabbis, consulates, government offices and courts. Facing growing demand, the project became the Jewish Genealogy & Family History Center, funded by the Taube Foundation for Jewish Life & Culture, with a growing staff and improved information technologies.

"Concurrently, my wife, Helise (Anna Przybyszewska Drozd) founded the Lauder Morasha School, Warsaw's first Jewish school in 45 years. She took the school from 18 kids to 240 (pre-K-9). Helise now directs the Taube Center for the Renewal of Jewish Life in Poland, supporting varied educational and cultural programs.

"My daughter, Nitzan (22), left Morningside as a shy 5-year-old who did not speak any Polish. She's now completing an M.A. at the Warsaw School of Social Psychology. Her Polish is impeccable and her shyness has given way to a vibrant social life.

"Anyone headed to Warsaw—or with Polish Jewish roots—can drop me a line: familyheritage@ph.pl."

Yale, that sounds anything but dull and in fact, is quite impressive.

And we wrap up with a poem of sorts from Bruce Fraser, "Remodeling my 'fixup' barn is consuming a lot of time. Previously, a

new start was easy. Spending the weekend removing old and rotten wood makes me feel like a coal miner. Old friends drop by and see me in the pine barns, where the sand is flat and there are more pine trees than anywhere on earth."

Thank you Bruce, you sound like Charles Kuralt.

We are all happy and healthy here in New Haven, although the trajectory of the world leaves us perplexed and saddened much of the time. Still, if Columbia taught us anything it must be that human spirit, intelligence and humor can overcome the presence of human greed, arrogance and stupidity. I just can't remember if that happened in history class or the study of the novel. Oh well, write soon with your point of view.

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Musical updates from Brewer Shettles bring news that "Indie label Liquid Fusion Records is releasing two CDs and two singles for entry into upcoming 53rd Grammy Awards: Liquid Fusion—*Psychedelic Blues*; Liquid Fusion/The Kitchen—*NYC Rock Vol 1*; Liquid Fusion—a rock instrumental; *The Shinning Star*—upbeat dance/rock blues instrumental. Listen free at liquidfusion.com.

"Making a push for serious long-term capital investors, as we wish to integrate music, clothing design and film all under the power of our brand, Liquid Fusion. Labor of love! We're listened to globally via our free online players. Nice to think we're helping bring peace and good vibes to heal a very troubled world: United States, China, Russia, Iran, Europe..."

I'm trying to learn the ukulele, any advice?

In June, Glen Savits was elected v.p. of The National Employment Lawyers Association.NELA is the largest plaintiff employment bar in the country. The national organization and its affiliates have more than 3,000 attorney members.

How many hours of billing is that?

Architect Matthew A. Peckham reports, "Work is slower these days. I am not sure if it's a good thing or bad thing. I am approaching the decade mark at my firm and begin my ninth year as an adjunct professor of architecture at the New Jersey Institute of Technology School of Architecture. Teaching constantly reminds you of how much you don't know.

"Family is good: daughter Emily (12 going on 19) is a straight-A

student entering the seventh grade. She's tall, 5-foot-8, a mad rebounder and starting to knock down the short jumper for her traveling team. (Columbia is in her early choices of colleges but that's five years away. Let's get through high school first.) My lovely spouse, Carolyn, continues her work with physically challenged children for the NYC Board of Education. Daily exercise is keeping the stress and old age at bay, but those old wrestling injuries remind me that I am not 18 anymore.

"I hope that this missive finds all our classmates happy and healthy. Peace."

Matthew, my next book is called *Stop Exercising, You're Killing Yourself*. Keep that in mind, all you exercise nuts!

Steven H. Shapiro, general counsel and corporate secretary of Cole Taylor Bank, was appointed co-chairman of the national Small- and Mid-Cap Companies Committee for the Society of Corporate Secretaries and Governance Professionals. Earlier this year, Steven was appointed to the organization's national Public Advocacy Committee and recently completed a second term as president of the society's Chicago chapter.

The society was founded in 1946, and has more than 3,100 members representing approximately 2,500 companies. Its members deal with public disclosure under the securities laws and matters affecting corporate governance. The Small- and Mid-Cap Companies Committee works to support the unique governance needs of smaller companies through teleconferences, webcasts and a group-specific intranet.

I'd like to describe my belly as small- or mid-cap. Welcome to middle age.

Dr. Robert C. Klapper: Being a surgeon in Hollywood these last 21 years has led to, as you might imagine, taking care of quite a few well known movie and TV stars. I would be lying if I didn't admit that it is quite entertaining to be their doctor.

Now, keep in mind, I have a young office staff working around me, and sometimes I am the only one who gets excited when a major personality walks through the door, like Tony Danza (this isn't a HIPAA violation because one of his recent office visits with me is on his blog, DailyDanza.com).

I share this with you because recently I was taking a history from a new patient whom I could not stop looking at, wondering why he looked so familiar. His occupation was not actor, but rather music composer. The exam continued until all of a sudden I turned to him and said, "Wait a minute, you were Robbie in *My Three Sons*!" (His one truly legendary role, in my opinion.



Lou Orfanella '82 was one of several students who spent time this summer with Professor Karl-Ludwig Selig discussing Selig's history and his favorite subject, Cervantes.

This was a *hip* violation because that's what was hurting.) He then looked at me and said, "Very good, Dr. Klapper!" I then turned with excitement to tell my staff, who replied, "What's *My Three Sons*?"

Thank God I have this column to share my excitement with some body. Dada dah dah daaaaah, dahhhhhhhmmmmmm.

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The fall has been wonderful this year in New York City, and I have been watching a lot of football games. Our Lions have shown some brilliance but still are a work in progress. It was great to see many of you at Homecoming, and the highlight of the weekend was the Athletics Hall of Fame dinner. While no one from the Class of '80 was inducted, **Shawn FitzGerald** had the honor of presenting Bill Steinman, Columbia's distinguished statistician, with his award for service to the University. Remarkably, "Stats" has been a fixture with Athletics since 1970.

Speaking of football, I have had the privilege of seeing super-lawyer **Dave Maloof** at many of the New York Jets home games this season. In addition to keeping our seas safe for travel, Dave is an avid Jets fan and a longtime season ticket holder. The new stadium and good play made for an exciting season.

Our annual baseball old-timers event was attended by **Eric Blattman**, **Shawn FitzGerald** and me. They don't call it "old-timers" for no reason, as many of us got a step slower since last season. The new baseball stadium is a thing of beauty, and you should make an effort to get up to the Baker Athle-

tics Complex in the spring for a game. [Editor's note: See Roar Lion Roar in "Around the Quads" for more on the new Satow Stadium.]

Josh Stolow, super-doc from San Antonio, had a wonderful evening with legendary Professor Jacques Barzun '27. For those who do not remember, Professor Barzun is responsible for all of us taking Lit Hum. He spoke of his life and career as a historian and his relationship with Columbia. Josh said at 103, Professor Barzun was as sharp as a tack and that he has forgotten more than most people will learn in a lifetime.

Best wishes to all for a happy and healthy holiday season. Drop me a line at mcbcu80@yahoo.com.

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The pitiful number of submissions to this column can only mean one thing: that you're saving your best and biggest lies for our big reunion in June. I understand completely. I wouldn't want to waste a single fascinating story here when you can be telling it in person to that guy. You know, that guy. That guy from your dorm who just kind of showed up. Maybe he showed up at the dining hall or maybe he showed up hanging with your roommate or maybe he showed up just as you were sitting in the sun on the Low Steps. You may not exactly remember his name or even where he showed up, but I guarantee you this: He remembers you. He remembers things about you that you don't remember. He has a bucketful of remembrances to share, things that may sound vaguely familiar, but frankly, you really don't know what he's talking about or what, for that matter, his name is, or whose friend he was. But he knows you, for sure, and he would love, love, love to meet your family and share some of those great stories with them, too. When he buttonholes you as you stand in that long line simply waiting for a drink, be kind. Remember, we're all that guy to somebody.

As a public service, I'm holding the single submission I received to publish alongside what I'm sure will be an avalanche of submissions for the next few issues. Send early and often to my new e-mail

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You'll all be hearing more about the reunion from official sources, as well as this column, in the coming months.

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Greetings, gentlemen. I am filled with hubris; my threats have borne fruit. Three of our esteemed creative classmates took it upon themselves to write.

Checking in first this round was **John Mastrodinos**. Some of you may remember John's excellent submission from two years ago, where he included some poetry. I was glad to hear that he still pursues his passion for music. While at the College, John was a student by day and a punk rocker by night playing clubs such as CBGB, Max's Kansas City and the Village Gate. John continues to play in a couple of local bands, including the Time Bandits, which specializes in classic rock covers and can be seen pretty regularly in local clubs and venues in the North Jersey area. Additionally, he spent the last year working on an original project, *Send Dreams*. Find them on MySpace. Definitely worth a listen!

Also checking in this period with a memorable submission is accomplished author **Lou Orfanella**:

"I had the great pleasure this summer of spending some inspiring time with legendary Columbia professor Karl-Ludwig Selig [see photo]. While he is slowed physically by numerous health concerns, his mind and devotion to intellectual pursuits are as sharp as they were 30 years ago when he stood before us in Hamilton Hall. I was pleased to learn that there has developed a network of friends and admirers, many of whom he refers to as his 'wonderful, loyal students' who visit frequently to provide companionship and lend a hand tending to his needs. As any of us who studied with him, or were just aware of his presence as part of the fabric of our years on Morningside Heights know, he is one of the world's foremost Cervantes scholars. I asked him about his affinity for *Don Quixote*, and he explained that he has always seen himself as a sort of outsider starting in his youth. 'I wore thick glasses and had psoriasis. I was ugly so nobody wanted to touch me,' he says. As he grew up, with his family escaping the Holocaust and arriving in America, Professor Selig continued to develop what he describes as, 'An interest in the topics and matter of "outsiderness" and marginality and the

right to be different. Don Quixote made a point to be different. I have devoted a good part of my life to the study of *Quixote*. I assert myself as Don Quixote did. I am an individual. I am not a conformist." To this day Professor Selig wears rings dedicated to Don Quixote and Sancho Panza. More than 20 years into his retirement, he remains steadfast in his dedication and devotion to Columbia and to his former students. He welcomes visits from students, and while he enjoys reminiscing, he still has much to teach us. For contact information, classmates can get in touch with me at lorfanella@hotmail.com."

Lou, on behalf of all your classmates, thank you for your time and effort in putting this thoughtful contribution together.

Last but not least, the extraordinarily talented **Erik Friedlander** wrote in on the eve of the release of his latest recording. I did a little snuffling around online and discovered that, were it not for the fact that I reside under a rock, I would have known what Erik was up to. The following biographical information was culled from Erik's website:

"Erik started playing guitar at age 6 and added cello two years later. He began formal lessons at age 12. Erik continued his musical studies at Columbia University in 1978. Upon graduation, he spent the next decade refining his cello technique through long hours of practice, supporting himself by playing in various orchestras and Broadway shows, recording commercial music for jingles and movies, and doing session work with artists like Laurie Anderson, Courtney Love's Hole and Dar Williams. He also started his first small groups and made his first recordings. Erik came into his own in the 1990s as he became an integral part of NYC's downtown jazz scene, receiving notices in publications like the *Boston Globe*, *The Wire* and *Billboard* which wrote, 'Friedlander [is] one of today's most ingenious and forward-thinking musical practitioners.'"

It should be noted that I also discovered an interview with Erik and a performance on NPR. How cool is that?

Erik wrote: "I'm here to offer some bits of news. I often have little nuggets of news about things I'm doing. I'm a professional musician/composer and this is a press release for my latest CD:

"Erik Friedlander's haunting new CD, *Fifty Miniatures for Improvising Quintet*, is a collection of 50 miniature pieces — little worlds — some wild and free, some carefully constructed like line drawings, others lush watercolor landscapes.

Steve Perlman '83 Enhances Communication Through Technology

BY NANCY CHRISTIE

Founder and CEO of San Francisco-based Rearden (rearden.com), an incubator for companies developing new ways to combine art and technology, Steve Perlman '83 has spent his life building pioneering Internet, entertainment, multimedia, consumer electronics and communications technologies and services.

But he's always been more intrigued by what technology can accomplish than in how it works, viewing computers "just as tools, not an end in and of themselves." This attitude was apparent in his 1978 Columbia admissions essay, which he feels was "pretty unusual," how to build a system that would understand human speech.

"I don't know why they accepted me but they did," he says with a laugh. "For some reason or another, they thought that would be a useful contribution to the campus."

Although Perlman's major was computing science, where he worked most closely with Yechiam Yemini, his professor and informal adviser, Perlman said that the classes he enjoyed most were those associated with the liberal arts.

"I really liked the Core Curriculum: Contemporary Civilization and Literature Humanities [and] the subject matter in Art and Music Humanities. I also took several classes on the novel and English literature with Barnard professor Maire Jaanus."

It was this interest in communicating thoughts and ideas through various media that indirectly led to one of Perlman's computer projects at Columbia. After an article he had written for *Sundial*, a campus magazine, on the usefulness of small computers for students didn't get a positive response from the IT department, he took his idea to the masses — in this case, the students.

"I had a computer I designed

and a printer and terminal in my dorm room," Perlman says, "and I wrote software so a person without any technical knowledge could do word processing. I know that sounds pretty mundane these days, but in 1979 and 1980, that was a big deal. I had students lined up outside my dorm room to get onto the one word processor on campus!"



Steve Perlman '83, founder and CEO of Rearden, *OnLive* and *MOVA*, at the company's San Francisco headquarters.

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Perlman says that experience had a huge impact on him. "In every era, there always are people who are stuck in existing ways of thinking, and you need to just find ways around them," he says. "My way, of course, was to turn my dorm room into the word processing room that I thought the campus should have."

Since graduating from Columbia, the 49-year-old Perlman, who now lives in Silicon Valley with his wife, has continued to successfully "find ways around" existing conditions and circumstances, as evidenced by his more than 100 U.S. patents, with more than 100 pending.

But he also has found a great deal of satisfaction in "developing people" — a talent for which Perlman also credits Columbia, where he had the opportunity to recognize the vast diversity of journeys there are and how to synchronize his efforts with others in a way that would be mutually beneficial. It's a valuable skill that has enabled him to mentor

the Rearden team of engineers, artists and scientists.

Cindy Ivers, senior director of accounting and finance for Rearden and OnLive, a Rearden-incubated company, has witnessed Perlman's approach in action. When his engineers come to Perlman with what they consider an insurmountable problem, she says he encourages them to think "outside the box." "He'll ask, 'Did you think about it this way?' Or how about this way?' He just keeps plugging away until he finds something they haven't tested yet. He's told me, 'I am not the best engineer in the

company. I just help people get over their issues and get them to be the best they can be.'"

But while Perlman has been successful in his endeavors — his recently patented facial motion capture technology, *MOVA* Contour, was used in the films *The Curious Case of Benjamin Button* and *The Incredible Hulk* — Perlman notes, "You never get exactly what you want out of the system. There always are impediments or things you learn along the way. What you need to do is learn while you are trying to reach your goal, and then reformulate that goal so you end up with some good outcomes

... where something is useful to people and people see some benefit in it."

For example, when he was principal scientist of Apple Computer, Perlman led the team that developed the QuickTime technology, which "Apple management thought ... was the dumbest idea in the world," says Perlman. But after Mac developers "went crazy over it," in Perlman's words, management allowed them to ship it as a product. "Now," he says, "more than 20 years later, it's built into every Mac, iPhone, iPod and iPad, and every PC running iTunes."

One of Perlman's goals is to develop a platform for creating interactive experience with the depth and realism of movies that average people can enjoy.

As he explains, while movies and television shows are passive forms of entertainment, "We stand on the threshold of a major cultural transition, where ... we can step into a world and become immersed within it, either passively, or actively as a player. In time, perhaps not in my lifetime, the simulation of reality will be utterly complete. You will see, hear, smell and feel a completely artificially created world around you. You'll experience the terror of landing at Omaha Beach, or the joy of cradling a newborn baby. Fantasy will become indistinguishable from reality and will open huge opportunities for expression and communication."

How does Perlman define career success? He says it's when "you set out to change the world and make things better in one way or another, and have gotten reasonably close to the mark. It's being able to go and move things, move the ball just a bit further."

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In a possible prediction of the future, Adam Belanoff '84 (center), co-executive producer of TNT's *The Closer*, cast fellow Varsity Show alumni and Los Angeles City Council President Eric Garcetti '92, '93 SIPA (left) as mayor of Los Angeles, and his father, Gil Garcetti, a consulting producer on the show, as the outgoing chief of police in the season finale, which aired on September 13.

PHOTO: RICK WALLACE

The piece was written during a particularly difficult time when my wife, Lynn, was suffering from an unexplained and worsening leg pain that eventually turned out to be a breast cancer recurrence. Friedlander found refuge from the difficult atmosphere by immersing himself in composing for the five instruments (violin, cello, piano, bass, drums). Making playful use of style and orchestration, he varied the groupings, the length of the pieces (some as short as seven seconds) and the mood ... " (To read more, go to allaboutjazz.com/dph/news.php?id=64467.)

The album was released on September 18 on SkipStone Records (skipstonerecords.com).

I took a little time to listen to some of Erik's recordings, and they were exceptional. I would highly recommend following the links and checking out his website, and then you're going to want to proceed on to the second link (as I did) and order yourself a copy of his new recording: erikfriedlander.com and shop.geteriksmusic.com.

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I was thrilled by Columbia's No. 4 ranking in U.S. *News & World Report*. To be ranked higher than Stanford, MIT, Penn, Dartmouth, Brown, and Cornell is noteworthy. With a 10 percent acceptance rate (same as Princeton), Columbia is one of the most selective colleges in the country. [Editor's note: See Campus News in "Around the Quads."] Dennis Kleinberg '84 was kind enough to forward to me the Sep-

tember 3 *Wall Street Journal* article "Where Columbia Beats Harvard: On the Battlefield of Curricula." The article states, "If the objective of a liberal education is to identify the permanent and perennial issues in the midst of flux and change, then, the Columbia curriculum serves that purpose more directly than most alternatives. In judging the two curricula, one does not face a closer call. If it were a football game, Columbia would beat Harvard by several touchdowns."

I was deeply saddened by the death of John W. Kluge '37. [Editor's note: See "Around the Quads."] In 2007, he pledged \$400 million to Columbia. I had the honor of meeting Mr. Kluge during the 2008 Alexander Hamilton Award Dinner. He is a Columbia treasure and will be sorely missed.

Bruce Abramson: "The Republican Jewish Coalition was been kind enough to invite me to write a weekly guest blog until Election Day. I hope to use this forum to explain why those of us who thought that the country enjoyed a period of good governance in the 1990s must now support the GOP, and why the GOP must evolve to meet some serious contemporary challenges."

"My first entry answered the poignant question, 'Who Am I and Why Am I Here?' Subsequent entries should post each Tuesday. I also plan to use this invitation as an excuse to breathe new life into my own blog, The Informationist, which has been rather dormant for the past three years. We are in the midst of migrating over the old content. Look for a relaunch announcement soon! As always, I welcome your comments and thoughts."

As many of you may remember, Dan Loeb was a huge Barack Obama supporter during his

presidential campaign. In fact, for our 25th reunion, Dan made a large contribution to the Columbia College Fund in honor of Obama. At the reunion, Dan also read a memorable letter from Obama to our class.

In a *New York Times* article, "Why Wall St. Is Deserting Obama," it is evident Dan's feeling about Obama have changed. The article states, "Daniel S. Loeb, the hedge fund manager, was one of Barack Obama's biggest backers in the 2008 presidential campaign. A registered Democrat, Mr. Loeb has given and raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for Democrats. Less than a year ago, he was considered to be among the Wall Street elite still close enough to the White House to be invited to a speech in Lower Manhattan, where President Obama outlined the need for a financial regulatory overhaul."

The article goes on to discuss a recent letter to investors written by Dan lambasting the current state of affairs in Washington.

Ed Joyce, who hosted the reunion reception where Dan read Obama's letter, forwarded me a copy of the *Times* article. Ed is now a partner at the international law firm Jones Day.

David Hershey-Webb sang at the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure in Central Park on September 12. Following that gig, he joined the Blue Yodels at P & G Bar. He sang songs from his new CD, *Welcome to the World*.

I was invited to the Columbia University Athletics Hall of Fame dinner, held in late October. The following student-athletes from our Columbia days are in the Hall of Fame: Tony Corbisiero (swimming), Barry Nix '82 (soccer) and John Witkowski '84 (football).

David Lyle: "On July 21, I enjoyed a phone conversation with Stephen Scott Brewer. Scott called me to follow up on my snail mail letter about the expected babies. I was glad to give the good news of their healthy birth. He and his life partner, Gioacchino Castiello, recently returned to their Paris residence after three weeks in Gioacchino's native Italy. They had spent two weeks at their favorite remote European spot, the fishing island of Marettimo, about 20 miles off the west coast of Sicily. In August, Scott resumed teaching duties as professor of language acquisition at the graduate business school at da Vinci University, Paris."

"I spoke with Robert Lucero by phone. He continues to thrive in his position as head of the collegiate store design team at Barnes & Noble in the Hartford, Conn., office. His sons, Martin and Matthew, are almost grown. Marty graduated in May from

high school and started at a local college in the fall. We traveled home to Nashville with the girls on the August 28 (week three for the girls) and are enjoying settling into home-at-home life after our home-away-from-home in our Sacramento to rental. They flew like angels. Jet travel (though the pediatricians all cautioned about breathing soups of pathogens) is agreeable to newborns. It's so much like the womb. You get held all the time, there is a loud 'white noise' canceling out too much stimulation and since you're being held you get instant care for every whimper. Two days earlier, we had driven with them and a family 'nanny' figure to Lake Tahoe for the day and they loved the day but hated the car seats. Jet travel is so much more agreeable."

Ken Chin is vice chair for the Harvard Law School 25th reunion.

My family was honored to have Professor Karl-Ludwig Selig join us at our home to celebrate Rosh Hashanah. Professor Selig, still sharp as a tack, immediately identified the painting on my wall as an original drawing by "Sam the Hoishy Man." My son, David (5), performed in the musical *Oliver* at camp. Professor Selig thoroughly enjoyed David's musical renderings derived from the Dickens classic. I have read David the Dickens text, and he also loves the movie. He would have been fascinated by Professor Selig's memorable Columbia lectures about the interrelationship of the arts. My entire family also joined Professor Selig in celebrating his 84th birthday.

I was thrilled to get a telephone call from Gary McCready, one of the first friends I made as a freshman. Gary lives with his family in New Jersey and still knows more about computers than anyone I have met. He looks forward to attending our 30th reunion.

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As a member of the class most identified with "Big Brother is watching," I've done my best to keep tabs on you all, but sometimes, you either fall between the cracks, live under the radar or simply don't stay in touch!

I can depend on Richard Rothman to help me by doing what he does best: follow the money. "From 1992–2005 I ran a solo law practice in Chicago, and in August 2005 President George W. Bush gave me a recess appointment to a job as U.S. district judge. Twenty-

four of us were chosen for these appointments. At the request of Congress and the Bush administration, I investigated terrorism and terrorist financing activity. Most of what I did is classified and cannot be discussed. In December 2006, President Bush reappointed me to a second recess term. In 1987, I completed a master's on a fellowship from Chicago, where I wrote my thesis on the Nuremberg Trial of German banker Hjalmar Schacht, who helped rearm Germany in violation of the Kellogg-Briand Pact and the Treaty of Versailles. In my recent job, I incorporated my research to identify money laundering and other suspicious activities inside the United States."

And if Richard is unable to hunt you down, I need only turn over your dossiers to **Phil Segal**, our class' Philip Marlowe. Phil recently was interviewed on PBS regarding his expertise in assisting lawyers and others as a private investigator. He has shown a keen insight in Internet security matters and has provided his services on dating sites and other e-commerce venues. Check out his website: chagriffinllc.com.

By using techniques provided by these guys, and the folks at TMZ, I was able to dig up info on **Wayne Weddington III** and his wife, **Gabriela**, on their recent dream nuptials in Croatia! (Actually, Wayne "volunteered" the following details, but I can't discuss my methods at this time.)

"I chose Dubrovnik because it is a place we have enjoyed together many times, and it is magically beautiful. Most important, it is close to Gabriela's family, which I thought was important since she spends at least 11 months a year away from them.

"Gabriela's family is a close-knit cluster of strong women in a village about 30 miles east of Zagreb. There are no men there, effectively attributed by the transition of Yugoslavia to its separate states, including Croatia. When I visit I am the only man, so it is always eventful."

To see a most amazing and professional wedding video, check out youtube.com/watch?v=Yw15wTDuFo.

Aside from his one-time stint as a GQ model (as reported here some years ago), Wayne is a partner at Brunswick Capital Partners and author of *Do-It-Yourself Hedge Funds: Everything You Need to Make Millions Right Now*.

This just in: James Pierson, president of the William E. Simon Foundation and senior fellow at the Manhattan Institute, wrote an op-ed in the September 3 *Wall Street Journal*, "Where Columbia Beats Harvard: On the Battlefield of Cur-

ricula." He basically tells the world what we have always known: that Columbia's Core Curriculum is second to none. Kudos, Mr. Pierson!

Wishing you all a wonderful holiday season.

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Part II of our 25th reunion report:

On Saturday morning, June 5, a second Glee Club rehearsal was held. In addition to those previously mentioned, it was really great to see **Tim Tomasi**, **Rich Froehlich** and **Tom Scotti** as part of our well-represented class.

Tim has worked in the U.S. Attorney's Office in Vermont for the last three years, after having worked for the Vermont Attorney General. He enjoyed the work but had a bit longer commute (40 minutes, which for Vermont is a lot more than NYC). He has three kids (13, 12 and 8), and he is involved in coaching them.

Rich is e.v.p. for Capital Markets and general counsel of the New York City Housing Development Corp. (HDC) and all of its subsidiaries. He also is an adjunct assistant professor of public finance at the Graduate School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation. Rich directs the corporation's legal department as well as its bond and finance activities and also is responsible for managing the corporation's finance divisions including cash management, capital markets, loan servicing, accounting and budget. Rich has been the main coordinator of HDC's preservation efforts, which have led to the continued affordability of approximately 20,000 units of low- and middle-income housing in New York City. He also has been a leader in designing and implementing HDC's participation in NYC Mayor Michael Bloomberg's New Housing Marketplace Plan to build and preserve 165,000 units of affordable housing.

Prior to joining HDC, Rich was with O'Melveny & Myers and Skadden, Arps, and was an assistant general counsel at the New York State Housing Finance Agency. Rich also is a board member of the National Leased Housing Association, a national organization representing private and public participants in the affordable multifamily rental housing industry. Rich has recently been selected to join the governing committee of the American Bar Association Forum on Affordable Housing and Community Development Law. He is a past chairman of the New York City Bar Association Committee on Housing and Urban

Development and he was a board member of New Destiny Housing Corp., a not-for-profit dedicated to developing and managing housing for domestic violence survivors during 2002-10. Rich is working on a law review article on the creation of multifamily housing recycled bonds and their use in the financing of affordable housing. He lives in Chelsea.

Tom came in from Boston with his wife, Karen, and their 16-year-old daughter. Tom is president of the Appraisal and Valuation division of Gordon Brothers Group, based in Boston.

I spent some great time at Saturday's lunch with the irrepressible **Michael Cho**, who had come from San Francisco with his wife, Julie, and three kids (10, 9 and 5). After living in New York (Julie had attended the Business School), they have now been in San Francisco for 13 years. They spent an extended weekend in New York taking in the theater. Mike is as entertaining as ever and remains in charge of Destination RX. He and **John Phelan** had a great discussion about the new healthcare law, and I have no doubt that both of their cutting-edge concepts will play a prominent role in the future.

At lunch, I caught up with **Steve Sivakoff**, who has 18-year-old twins who started college this fall. (One child at college is quite enough for me.) Steve is an adjunct lecturer in entrepreneurship in the Department of Management at the Zicklin School of Business at CUNY Baruch. He previously worked at The Polytechnic Institute of NYU, where he taught coursework in entrepreneurship and innovation capital. Steve has extensive experience in the online media industry and is a pioneer in secure digital data distribution. He helps direct corporate strategy and business development at start-up technology companies with a focus on Internet information technology.

After lunch, I borrowed the Phelan family room in Carman to change into Glee Club concert attire (the Carman cinderblocks look the same). The concert went amazingly well, considering how we had little rehearsal time, different arrangements and much vocal rust. The performance was enjoyed by participants and the several hundred alumni/friends/family members who attended.

Our more formal class dinner was held on Saturday in the lovely space of the second floor of Casa Italiana (which I had never seen in all my years associated with Columbia). I got to spend all-too-brief time with many classmates. **Judah Cohen** has four children and studies meteorology for a living (the

serious stuff, not just the weatherman type). He is the director of seasonal forecasting at Atmospheric and Environmental Research, where he has been since 1998. Prior to AER, Judah spent two years as a National Research Council Fellow at the NASA Goddard Institute for Space Studies after two years as a research scientist at MIT's Parsons Laboratory. He has focused on conducting numerical experiments with global climate models and advanced statistical techniques to better understand climate variability and to improve climate prediction. In addition to his research interests, Judah directs AER's development of seasonal forecast products for commercial clients, who include some of the largest investment firms in the United States. He has been interviewed on local and national television and by *The Wall Street Journal*, *Daily Globe* and *Investor's Business Daily*, among others. Judah's work is highlighted as breakthrough technology by the National Science Foundation. He lives in Newton, Mass., along with my Glee Club cohorts **John Abbott '84** and **Cathy Schwartz Cotton '83** Barnard.

Barry Kanner is an attorney. He resides in Hackensack, N.J., and has two children.

Adam Fleischer '87 lives in Santa Cruz and since 2005 has been a marketing copywriter, project manager and consultant there, offering business writing and consulting services, including strategic messaging, writing, editing, information architecture, instructional design, SEO, research and project management.

I had far too little time to chat with two of my former Barnard/Macintosh lunch pals. **Gary Brown** last year was named chief compliance officer at Computer Associates on Long Island, where he has responsibility for the handling of compliance issues and management of compliance improvement

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programs. Gary continues in his role as CA's chief counsel for litigation. He joined CA in 2005 after serving for 15 years in the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of New York. **Mike Reilly** lives in Delaware and practices law there.

Our class was well represented by folks in public service that evening. **Ken Handelman** has been working for the Department of Defense in Washington, D.C., for 15 years.

Konrad Motyka has been with the FBI for 15 years, has two children (13 and 9) and resides in Hoboken, N.J. He also is the president of the Federal Bureau of Investigation Agents Association, a professional association with a membership of nearly 9,000 current and more than 2,000 retired agents nationwide.

FCC Chairman **Julius Genachowski** honored us by being our dinner speaker. He gave a brief overview (smartly questioned by **Leslie Smartt**) covering the many pressing issues confronting the FCC today. Unfortunately, the issues are complex and we just had a little time to discuss them. Julius' eldest son started at Michigan this fall. Thanks again to both Julius and Leslie for a job well done.

After dinner, we stopped by briefly at the Starlight Reception, held under a large tent on Low Plaza and featuring champagne and disco music. We quickly retreated to the comfort of the Sundial, where many of our previously mentioned Glee Club cohorts practiced our all-too-familiar Glee Club songs and all-too-familiar beverage consumption on the Sundial.

Again, it was a really enjoyable weekend. My apologies for not capturing more extensive updates from everyone there (so for those I missed, or put in only a small piece, please drop me a note). I hope that in five years we will see the same group as well as more of us on a return to campus.

I am sad to report that **William E. Evans**, investment banker and musician, New York City, passed away on July 10.

And finally, I am happy to report that you would recognize the crisp organization, staff and student enthusiasm and support, and overall solid planning that I experienced during my son Isaac '14's move-in and orientation in late August. Both for his initial move-in for the Co-Op program, and for the larger orientation program, it went incredibly smoothly. Some things remain familiar (the boat ride around Manhattan, the odds in the John Jay cafeteria, neighborhood tours), and some things are new (night on the *In-trepid*, a second-day lecture on *The Illiad* attended by every member

of the class as their first "class" for Lit Hum). A few tears shed, but off he goes.

As if I didn't have enough to do with the University, I am pleased to report that, effective mid-September, my wife, Allison '86 Barnard, is associate director of alumnae affairs at Barnard. It will be nice for our family to get to work on Columbia reunions and earn a living at the same time.

The College's Alumni Office also sponsored a nice Legacy Lunch, as more than 70 members of the Class of 2014 were proud to continue their family's Columbia tradition. I met multiple families who had multiple CC legacies, including Lou Vlahos '84. I also had a brief visit with **Len Genova**, whose son Jerome also is in the Class of 2014. Len lives in Massapequa with his wife, and, like me, has forsaken the everyday practice of law for the family business (in his case, construction development work).

Now, with the reunion info complete, I need your updates again. Thanks.

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In this fast-paced world, there's very little we can predict other than the inexorable passage of time. I know for a fact that in less than seven months, we will reach a milestone: the 25th anniversary of our college graduation. If you had asked us in May 1986 to describe the alumni celebrating their 25th college reunions, words like old, geezer and even *alta coet* might have been used. But now that we

columbia.edu/reunion. Please join our class's Facebook group: Columbia College Class of 1986. And stay tuned for updates!

After finishing an M.F.A. in fiction at UMass Amherst, **Jamie Berger** started a nonprofit, *The Thrive Project*, aimed at helping young adults pursue happiness. Thrive is based in Turners Falls, a former mill town in Franklin County, Mass. It provides young people with experiences, inspiration, support and role models. Check it out: thriveproject.org.

With great sadness I must tell you that we lost a classmate, **Joshua Moreinis**, to cancer. Josh was married to Pamela Ivinski and lived in Croton-on-Hudson, N.Y. He was a senior planner at STV and a landscape painter. Josh was a Fulbright Scholar in South Korea and earned an M.S. in urban planning in 1988 from the Architecture School. You can see photos and memorial postings for Josh at josh.gamfacewebdesign.com, and you can see his beautiful landscape paintings at joshpaintings.com. Please e-mail me with any memories of Josh you would like to share in a future column.

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I spent a lovely summer evening catching up with **Irene Weinstein Lederman**, who was on holiday in New York visiting friends and family. Usually I only get to see her when I am rushing through San Francisco for academic conferences, but this was a chance for leisurely drinks and snacks at Rosa Mexicana. Joining us for the festivities was **Gerri Gold**, and by the end of the evening, it was just us three Columbia women having a gabfest. What could be finer?

Charles Blass wrote in with the following update: "In an intimate ceremony in Central Park in early

"Agnes, aka Ella, from Chicago, graduated from Lake Forest College there in addition to studying in Salamanca, Spain, and Santiago, Chile. Her areas of focus were art history and international relations, and she now is in the financial industry providing bank-to-bank product services. She also is a passionate photographer.

"Since college, I have enjoyed a continuous tenure at WKCR, where I remain rooted in the New Music Department, hosting the Audio Gumbo/Transfigured Night show as well as assorted Jazz and In All Languages (World Music) programs, and specializing in producing, mixing and recording live-in-studio performances. I am now developing a radio show to launch soon here in Zurich and online.

"In 1999, I founded Lovevolvy, a New York 501(c)(3) arts and education company; see lovevolvy.org for information and listings. Most of my activities flow through Lovevolvy, including content production, marketing and publicity, and artist representation. For a decade, I managed the Times Square recording studio KMA Music. In 2006, I co-founded the label network LiveWired, releasing a series of albums last year. I am directing a short film for the Zurich venue Bazillus encompassing 50 years of archives.

"In addition to arts-related pursuits, I am a wordsmith/journalist, copy editor and proofreader in various corporate spheres, now providing quality assurance to the Zurich law firm Schellenberg Wittmer, and offering remote editing services to clients worldwide.

"It would be great to hear from fellow alumni. E-mail me at charles.blass@gmail.com."

Lance Hosley has been named president and CEO of GreenBlue, a Charlottesville, Va.-based company with an office in New York, specializing in sustainable design. Lance has been an architect and designer and is co-author of the book *Women in Green: Voices of Sustainable Design*. His latest book, *The Shape of Green: Aesthetics, Ecology, and Design*, is expected out next year.

Diane Zanger lives in New Rochelle, N.Y., with her husband, Noah Berkowitz '86, and their five children. She said, "Our oldest started college, and that is taking some getting used to. But our youngest is starting kindergarten, and he is keeping us young." Diane practices cardiology with a private practice in Fort Lee, N.J.

She has been trying to get in touch with **Hannah Jones**, so Hannah, if you are reading, please get in touch. I'd love to hear from you, too!

Leslie Vosshall was promoted to the post of the Robin Chermers

Lance Hosley '87 has been named president and CEO of GreenBlue, which specializes in sustainable design.

find ourselves in this group, we know that we are actually young, dynamic, successful and in our primes. So let's celebrate! Mark your calendars for Alumni Reunion Weekend, Thursday, June 2-Sunday, June 5. A Reunion Committee has formed and is planning some great events. Please go to the following page to ensure that the Alumni Office has your correct contact info for reunion updates: alumni.college.edu.

June, Agnes Elizabeth Guggala and I were married. Several days later, we relocated to Zurich, Switzerland, where we now are based. On August 10, Agnes gave birth to our daughter, Isabel Rose, who is healthy, gorgeous and peaceful. We live in the Niederdorf, the old section of the city, between the university and a handful of majestic church towers. At certain times of day, the exchange of bells is striking.

Neustein Professor at The Rockefeller University in New York this spring. Her research laboratory studies the sense of smell in insects and humans. You can see more at benchmarks.rockefeller.edu/viewArticle.php?id=292&issue_id=99.

On a sad note, I must report the passing of Albert J. Weisel, who had been a freelance writer in New York City, on February 27.

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September has long passed: The kids are back to school, vacations are lamentably over and football season has been preoccupying my husband for two months. Summer went by too fast. And as I dropped off my eldest child for her freshman year at college, I am feeling that the years are also going by too fast! But at least we have a chance to reconnect here, and I was delighted to hear from several classmates.

Jesse Greenberg updates us, "I work at IBM (13 years now) and am happily married to my wife of 20 years, Karen. Our kids are doing great: Daniel (17) recently earned his Eagle rank in the Boy Scouts and attended Boys State this summer as a delegate, Hannah (15) wants to go to Columbia College (Class of 2017) and Sophie (13) recently had her bat mitzvah."

Stephen T. Briones writes from Thailand: "I've been in Bangkok with my wonderful kids, Natalia (12) and Nicholas (9). Despite the political demonstrations and violence, we are all fine, and Bangkok is starting to recover. I've been in Bangkok for more than 10 years, and I could never have foreseen the craziness that occurred in May. It will take a while, but I hope Thailand will return to live up to its slogan as the Land of Smiles."

William (Bill) Seeley writes, "I was inspired by **Jamie Friedman** and **Patrick Crawford** to send in an update. After graduation, I stuck around for a couple of years and received an M.F.A. in sculpture in 1992 from the (now defunct) Division of Painting and Sculpture in the School of the Arts. I was head assistant for sculptor Ursula Von Rydingsvard '75 Arts for several years. I then followed **Henry Jackman** and **Neil Feit** into philosophy (I usually see Feit a couple of times a year). I received a Ph.D. from CUNY's Graduate Center in 2006. My research on the ways that we engage and experience artworks lies at the confluence of philosophy of art and cognitive neuroscience. We are still in Maine at Bates Col-

lege (although this past spring, I was commuting to New Haven, where I was visiting at Yale). My wife, **Christine Donis-Keller '91**, **Barnard**, and I have two children, **Parker (9)** and **Raines (7)**. Other than the usual fare of an academic vagabond, I have no adventures to report, although I have taken up ice hockey, which it turns out is a four-season sport again."

Dan Max '90 joined the law firm of Apatoff Peters Ebersohl as a partner and chair of the business department.

Joe Wanner provided us with a snapshot of the significant events in life since graduation: "1991: moved back to Chicago, 1994: married **Kathy**, 1996: Kellogg M.B.A., 1997: daughter **Natalie** born, moved to suburban **Riverside, Ill.**, 1999: CFA Distinction, 2000: private pilot's license, 2001: daughter **Haley** born, 2004: started company **Vesta Property Development** for real estate investing, 2005: son **Joe** born."

David Putelo sends greetings from Syracuse, N.Y.: "I love the life my wife, **Susan** (we recently celebrated our 20th anniversary), and our three daughters (insert ironic comment here), **Anna (15)**, **Audrey (12)**, and **Lizzie (6)**, have forged. Our lives consist of school, sports and enjoying the great outdoors: running, skiing, golfing and the many activities that Central New York offers. I look to get together with other graduates at a dinner, golf outing or a road race such as **Leone** running marathons with **Nick Leone**."

"After graduation, I went to NYU, where I earned an M.B.A. I have worked in the pharmaceutical industry for different companies holding various positions. I'm now a manager for **GSK**."

Donna Schober tells us, "Since leaving Columbia, I have followed a circuitous path through the culinary world, first apprenticing in a fabulous (now closed) New York restaurant, then heading to Cornell to complete my M.B.A. with a concentration in hospitality management. It's been restaurants ever since. I'm now in Orlando, having moved south many years ago, and am a proud mom to a high school freshman. During the summer, I took my daughter for her first trip to NYC, and we took in a show, a Yankees game and the museums. We also toured Columbia and Barnard because college is right around the corner, though sometimes I feel like a kid who just graduated myself."

Khalid Wasti writes, "I am happily married to **Joanne** (who,

although not an alum, I met on the Columbia campus) and have two sons (14 and 16) whom I hope will someday be part of the Columbia family, too. We live in Forest Hills, N.Y., and I am a director in the Enterprise Risk Services practice at **Deloitte & Touche**. I recently became an active part of Columbia's Alumni Representative Committee and interviewed several potential

students, which not only gave me a sense of how strong the incoming classes will be but also was a great way to reconnect (and gave me an interesting perspective on life in general: "Wow, you graduated before I was even born!"). I definitely have not done a good job staying in touch with classmates, but now have a Facebook account, so look me up."

I hope to hear from the rest of you soon. Don't make me beg!

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This summer, I heard from **Brian O'Connell**, who is married to **Jeann Marie** and has two kids, **Shane (4)** and **Shannon (5)** (Irish twins). **Brian** writes, "This is my 20th year as an educator. I have been an administrator for 10 years, a teacher prior to that."

Brian is the founding principal of the **Scholars' Academy**, a middle school and high school that **Brian** started as a gifted program while principal of **The Belle Harbor School**, a kindergarten-grade 6 school, in 2004. In 2005, the program **Brian** began was expanded to a standalone school and then each year thereafter a grade was added. Today **Scholars' Academy**, in **Rockaway Park** in **Queens, N.Y.**, is an established and highly regarded school for gifted children from grades 6-12.

In June, **Scholars' Academy** will graduate its first class of high school students. **Scholars' Academy** offers an accelerated academic program including foreign language and the arts, and has a sports program that includes basketball, golf, baseball and softball. According to **Brian**, a current student is a stellar golfer who is being aggressively recruited by many Ivy League schools. **Brian** also wrote, "The school is exceptional in many ways. We began replacing a failing middle school

that had a 1-in-10 passing rate and voluminous disciplinary/safety issues in 2005. We are now one of the best schools in New York City and New York State by many metrics. Our school had the highest Quality Review (an audit of all things in a school) three years in a row. We earned a Progress Report Grade of A in 2009 as well as a No. 1 ranking for both middle school and high school levels in New York State according to **Schooldigger.com** metrics. Who knows, perhaps there are fellow alumni who are looking to make a difference in children's lives and our nation's future through monetary support and high school student internships or who may be interested in applying for teaching jobs at our school?"

For more information on **Scholars' Academy** go to schools.nyc.gov/SchoolPortals/27/Q323/default.htm.

Brian keeps in touch with classmates and added, "I recently saw **Jon Dwyer**, who has a tribe of great kids and a pretty wife. **Jon** is doing phenomenally well at **fatTat.com**. I also linked up with **Bennie Seybold**, **Matt Engels** and **Paul Childers**. Not too long ago, I touched base with **Bob Giannini** and **Duane Bartsch**. **Bob** is livin' the single life to my knowledge, and **Duane** and his wife, **Donya**, recently had child No. 2! A few more Columbia cubs in the litter."

I also had some happy news from **Dan Corcoran**, who sent in a birth announcement: "My husband, **Augusto Lima**, and I are thrilled and proud to announce the births of our children, **Lucas** and **Maria**. They were born on July 26 in **Overland Park, Kan.** We are all happy to be back home in **New York**! Congratulations!"

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I'm taking this opportunity to thank not only our classmates who send me news "unsolicited" but also all of you who have thanked me over the years for writing this column. I've enjoyed every moment of it — except for when I issue threats and act like a bully — and really appreciate your kind words. Now, on to business!

There's a lot of movement in professional arenas this issue. **Liz (Lang) Poston** moved back to Washington, D.C., in June, after almost six years in Florida, to take a position as e.v.p. at **Prism Public Affairs**, a policy-oriented strategic communications firm. Her daughter, **Ava (4)**, is turning into quite the city kid, taking **Metro** around town

on field trips with her preschool class. I'm always glad to know of another classroom in the area. Given the number of CC/BC/SEAS '90 alumni in the D.C. area, we could throw quite a party. If anyone wants to organize, let me know. It's just too bad that Gemma Tarlach won't be able to supervise the desserts. She wrote in July, "Since graduating from The Culinary Institute of America a couple years back with a fancy pants degree in baking and pastry arts, I've worked everywhere from the mega casino-resorts of Las Vegas to a luxe ranch perched at nearly 9,000 feet above sea level in the Rockies to a super-posh lodge on the South Island of New Zealand. By the time this issue of CCT is out, I will be in Antarctica. I'm going to be one of the bakers at McMurdo Station for about eight months. This will be my seventh continent and the realization of a dream I've had since I was little, so I am super-excited."

Gemma, this is way cool. Have any of the rest of us spent time in Antarctica?

Dan Max joined the law firm of Apatof Peters Ebersohl in Falls Church, Va., as a partner and chair of the business department. He invites everyone to get in touch.

This is kind of funny. With Ijeoma Acholonu Ejeh bringing this column to a close, you will now have read about 100 percent of your Class Notes columnists. (Ijeoma and Dan were my predecessors.) Ijeoma and her family have been in Fayetteville, N.C., for three years, having finally stopped moving around so much for fellowship training and job opportunities, and are happy to be back on the East Coast. She is a laparoscopic general and bariatric surgeon, and chief of bariatrics at Cape Fear Valley hospital in Fayetteville. She regrets having missed seeing everyone at reunion.

If any of you has regrets for not having sent me news or updates, please don't live your life in regret. Just write!

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Greetings, all! It's a short column this time, but entertaining nonetheless.

Chris Kotes sent in this update: "My wife, Lori, and I welcomed our second 9½-plus-pound baby into the world on July 21: 9 lbs., 15 oz. Kyle Christopher, or KC, as his older brother, Tyler (2), calls him. I had 12 paid maternity weeks, some unreal benefit of Bank of America. I am truly blessed and am enjoying my time with the boys. I am not on Facebook but my e-mail is kotes29@comcast.net if anyone wants to catch up with me. I recently changed positions at the bank and now manage credit card authorization approvals from a fraud perspective. So if you have good credit and still get declined, that's my team. Tyler is quite the athlete already, playing golf, which makes Dad happy."

Elizabeth Weeks Leonard '93 was promoted to full professor at the University of Kansas School of Law.

In January, Ted Stern '94L started a new job as general counsel at Envision EMI in Vienna, Va. Envision is a leader in providing experiential educational programs to students from grade school through college throughout the world. In addition to handling all legal matters, Ted works in business development. He and his family live in Washington, D.C., and son Teddy recently turned 7.

Looking forward to hearing from more of you. Until next time, cheers!

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With a little bit of help from superhero Class Notes Editor Ethan Rouen '04J, I asked, and you answered. I hated to have an empty column for you last time. Absolutely hated it. But you wouldn't want me to make stuff up. Please do keep the communication lines open and let me know what's going on, like those who write in this time.

I need to give credit to the first of our classmates to use the newest means to submit Class Notes, as Ethan detailed in the last issue (college.columbia.edu/cct/submit_class_note). I was pleased to hear from Brenda (Peterson) Fowler in this way, which is via the CCT website. Brenda is a psychotherapist and works with couples in Portland, Ore. She "loves the wonder of being a new-ish mom to Eleanor Rae (1)." Brenda's husband, Ben, is with a start-up software company and plays alto sax on the weekends. Brenda raved about the life in the Pa-

cific Northwest. "Here in Portland, life is full of gardens, backyard BBQ gatherings, hikes in the woods and other activities that make it a total contrast to NYC."

Facebook allowed me to catch up with Peter Robbins. Peter is an attorney for the U.S. Department of Commerce and also has developed a second full-time job as a writer for and about the fishing and boating industries. I don't think Peter is likely to be proven wrong in asserting that he is "the only Ivy Leaguer with a blog about professional bass fishing called 'Pete Weighs In' (in sideline.net/index.php/blog-pete). Peter spends 'just about every moment away from the office' either in a boat or towing the boat somewhere. Alums who live near Zapata,

the business-media division of The Nielsen Co. Rob started there as an editorial intern during his senior year at Columbia and moved up another rung of the ladder every three or four years. He explains, "While it was a bit scary to leave in order to do my own thing, it's allowed me to do projects across several industries, which has been incredibly interesting and made me a better businessperson in addition to a more-informed writer and editor."

Rob is pursuing development of a humorous decorative brand for golf apparel, hats, towels and club head covers called OhMyGolf!, and is presenting it to the large sporting-goods retailers around the country. Those who wanted to take a peek at some of Rob's work can visit a website designed for individual purchases: OhMyGolfStuff.com.

Rob took a vacation in August that involved flying to Denver with his girlfriend, renting a Harley and riding through the mountains. As he described it, "Coming over Wilkerson Pass on day No. 2, we stopped at a scenic viewing spot and noticed that the 14,000-ft. peaks before us were named Mount Harvard, Mount Princeton, Mount Yale and Mount Columbia. Although it was not the tallest of the peaks, it was apparent to everyone that Mount Columbia was the most well-rounded one."

Sounds like a fitting tribute to alma mater and a fitting end to this writing. I look forward to serving you up more news next issue.

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A huge thank you to Isolde Briemaier, who recently provided me with loads of information for this column! Isolde reports: "All is great by me. I am a professor at Vassar College, where I teach art history and cultural studies. I've also been guest teaching a contemporary photography and video course at Barnard the last four years, which has been fun. I've been doing a lot of independent curating in NYC and abroad with a big museum exhibition opening here in NYC at the Bronx Museum in January. My fiancé, Mangué, and I welcomed a daughter, Farrah, in the summer, and although sleep-deprived, we are loving life and little Farrah! Clearly, we are a class with loads of energy and creativity! Case in point: I'm in touch with my dear friends Diana McClure and Herby Raynaud '97, who both live near me in Brooklyn. Diana remains a true creative guru

—an artist, writer and cultural programmer—who in addition to her own art practice has consulted with the Queens Council on the Arts and Miami Art Basel, among others. She is the editor of a great online magazine, *cultureserve.net*. Herby works hard in the tech industry and plays hard at his newfound love of salsa dancing. His volunteer work includes teaching fencing to inner-city kids and DJ'ing! **Jennifer Anglade Dahlberg** is back in Sweden working on her second novel and hanging out with her husband, Christian, and kids, Yazmin and James. **Erin Dracos Scott and Paul Scott** live a wonderful life in Berkeley with their two kids and are about to embark on a one-year around-the-world adventure, spending most of their time in the South Pacific and East Asia. **Evonne Gallardo '96** is executive director of Self Help Graphics and Art in East Los Angeles, a legendary 30-year old Chicano/Mexican visual arts cultural center that works to advance Latino arts both locally and nationally. She also is a board member of Pasadena Heritage, which works to preserve the cultural history of Pasadena, and she has been a long-standing member of the National Association of Latino Arts and Culture. And last, I heard that **Angela Hernandez** was working at a think tank in Washington, D.C.

I also heard from **Elizabeth Weeks Leonard**, who last spring was promoted to full professor at the University of Kansas School of Law, where she teaches health law and torts. Elizabeth is spending the fall semester in her hometown of Athens, Ga., teaching at her law school alma mater, the University of Georgia School of Law. Her husband, Thom Leonard, is an artisan baker and heirloom grain consultant who will spend the semester learning about hominy, peaches and other Southern delicacies.

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Thanks to a tip from **Shawn Landres** (more on him later), I learned that **Russell Sacks** was married in March to Lauren Tobe. Shawn attended the wedding, and Russell filled me in on the slew of Columbians who came to celebrate: **Negar Nabavinejad** and her husband, **Mehran Azar**; **Sarah Sheffer**; **James Bradley**; **Pablo Garcia**; **Heather Sutton Walsh '94**; **Ron Meyers '92**; **Noah Rosenthal '96**; and **Terence Woolf '92**. Also in attendance were Russell's sister, **Robin Sacks Silverman '97**, as well as his brother, **Ron Sacks '04**, and

Roni's girlfriend, **Christy Pomeranz '04**. In addition to his happy wedding news, Russell also shared that in January he became a partner at Shearman & Sterling, an international law firm, where he is a financial institutions regulatory lawyer.

In addition to sharing Russell's news, Shawn had some news of his own: He, his wife **Zuzana**, and their daughter, **Abby**, welcomed **Natalia Miriam Kiemer Landres** on July 3. Many Columbians attended her baby naming, which was officiated by Rabbi Sharon Brous '95.

In other baby news, **Ayanna (Parish) Thompson**, her husband, **Derek**, and their son, **Dashiell**, announced the birth of their daughter/sister, **Thaisa Rose**, on June 8. Congratulations to everyone. Look forward to hearing more news!

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This update revolves around summer babies, who might be the Class of 2032 if they attend the College, and meeting up with friends from Lit Hum.

First up: **David Webber** and his wife, **Irit Tau-Webber '02L**, welcomed **Noam Zev Tau** on August 15. He joins brother **Boaz** in the family's adventure in Boston, where David teaches law at Boston University.

On the other coast, **Hilton Romanski** and his wife, **Emily Meyer**, welcomed **Georgia James** on June 16, a day after Emily turned 40. She joins **Clement '22**. The family moved back to Palo Alto from San Francisco just in time for Emily to give birth a month later to **Georgia**.

Emily's entrepreneurial venture (teacollection.com) continues to be the top brand in the country for children's luxury clothes. Hilton has been working for Cisco for 10 years and recently moved from vp. of corporate development leading the M&A and investments globally to helping to lead its service provider business.

Thad Tracy, his wife, **Michele Haberlander '04 SLPA**, and their twins, **Sachs** and **Tobin**, live in Morningside Heights. Hilton writes. Thad recently accepted a key role as the general counsel of a private equity fund. (I caught up with Thad this spring for lunch, and we ran into Russell Sacks '94 at a diner in midtown.)

Hilton moved to Palo Alto and found a classmate next door: **Gene Mazo**, who lives with his wife, **Gwen Parker**, and their son, **Wallace '33**.

"Gene and I were in *Max Gray's* Lit Hum class freshman year and have been catching up over wine and impromptu dinners with our two families all summer," Hil-

ton writes. "Small, small world."

Gwen bumped into their new neighbors and invited them over for a barbecue.

"The family came over and when I saw the husband, I couldn't believe my eyes. It was **Hilton Romanski** from my freshman Lit Hum class," Gene writes.

Their sons go to the same preschool and play together at home. "We can hear them over the fence, and our families hang out together all the time," Gene writes. "Hilton turns out to be a great cook, and we couldn't have asked for a better set of friends or neighbors."

Gene is a lawyer. He met his wife at Stanford Law, and he had been in academia for a long time, having completed a Ph.D. in politics at Oxford.

I have my own baby news, too. My husband, **Scott**, our son, **Ike**, and I welcomed our daughter, **Charlize "Charlie" Sarah**, on August 7, 15 days early. She had the good sense not to intrude on her brother's second birthday of August 8.

Like Ike, Charlie was delivered by the fabulous **Rebecca Amaru**. The morning after Charlie was born, Rebecca had her own daughter! **Orli Maayan Waitman** joins sisters **Lily**, **Lyla** and **Isabel**.

Rebecca practices with **Shari Bransner** and **Isabel Blumberg** in Manhattan.

Two months before Charlie was born, my husband and I took a week-long trip to London, where I saw a familiar face on our flight to and from England. Sitting in the row in front of us was **Owen Grover**, his wife, **Erin Gilbert '95** Barnard, '99 GSAS, and their son, **Devon (8)**. Owen was in my Lit Hum class with **Jim Lewis**.

The couple celebrated their 10th wedding anniversary on July 1 and are happily ensconced in the Windsor Terrace section of Brooklyn. Owen has been working for five years at Clear Channel, where he runs programming and marketing for the company's digital unit. Erin finished her dermatology residency at SUNY Downstate and recently joined **Gramercy Park Dermatology Associates**, where she's eager to treat fellow alumni.

Finally, I didn't get to include a reunion update from **Mark Filstrup**, who ventured up to 116th after living south of 8th Street for the last 15 years.

"I was impressed with the showing from Architecture (**Sara Moss** and **Vivien Chung '01 Arch**), the *Varsity Show* (**Chad Levinson '97**, **Rebecca Gottesman** and **Laura Picotropo '00**) and **Carman (Amanda Kahn-Kirby, Maria Celis Jean-seune and Janet Lorin)**," he writes. "It was also fun to see **Adlar Garcia, Roosevelt Montás** and **Winifred**

Teng at the event at 230 Fifth."

While he did not see any Kingsmen all weekend, he has stayed in touch with a few. "I met baby Wyatt Yang when Welly Yang '94 and his wife, **Dina**, brought him to town this spring," Mark writes.

Thanks for these great updates, and keep the news coming.

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Greetings, classmates. This is my first of many appeals to you to come back to Morningside Heights for our 15th reunion! Yes, our 15th. Those of you who attended our fifth and 10th reunions know how much fun it can be to, well, reunite. So please come. We would love to see you there and relive the glory days.

After almost 10 years with **Nike, Anastasia Thanopoulos (née Yatrakis)** left to join her family's real estate/property management company. She focuses on sales and rentals in Brooklyn and Manhattan. She and her husband, **Billy '95**, have two children, **George (3)** and **Nicholas (5)**. **Sarah Robb** lives in Washington, D.C., with her son, **Miles (1)**, and husband, **Nathan Thompson**. She works at the BBC as the planning producer for *BBC World News America*, the international news-focused evening program broadcast anchored in D.C. Sarah has been working with the BBC for 10 years, first based in Los Angeles, then for a bit in London and now D.C.

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Nine years after their first date as seniors, Abena Boakye '01 and Omar Slowe '01 were married in November 2009 on the island of Maui. Soaking up the rays with them were (left to right) the bride's father, Kwadwo Boakye; Kwabina Appiah '78 Business; Kofi Boakye '10; David Simpson '01E; Franklin Amoo '02; Selom Gasinu '04E; Alexander Gumbs '01, '07 Business; Raefel Gabriel '07 Business; the bride's mother, Cynthia Boakye '94 PH; the groom; Chris Motley '03; Reginald Cash '04; Adrienne Bowman '01; Vanessa HS-Doyle '01 (née Hutchinson-Szekely); Jon-Mychal Bowman '99; Arviele Gallagher '01; Guambi Makoso '01E; Akua Boakye '11 Business; Damali Slowe '10; Dionne Wilson Gumbs '07 Business; Jacqueline Corona '02; and Danae Mullings-Makoso '01E, '08 CE.

Dennis Paul recently left UBS and moved his entire team, the Roseau/Paul Group, off of the "big box" banking platforms to HighTower, where he is a registered investment adviser. Dennis is co-managing approximately \$725 million for 110 investors in long-only U.S. equities and fixed income. On the stock side, Dennis' group has outperformed the S&P 500 index for the past 10 years. He can be reached at dpaul@hightow eradvisors.com.

Noah Cornman lives in NYC and is a music producer and record label executive with Sh-K-Boom/ Ghostlight Records, which specializes in original cast recordings and solo albums with Broadway stars and composers. He continues to work with his Pulitzer Prize winning friends Tom Kitt and Brian Yorkey '93. The three worked on the *Varsity Show* together at Columbia, and more recently they recorded *Next to Normal*. Noah has worked with Tom on numerous recordings and live concerts, and last year, Noah was nominated for a Grammy for his recording of *Hair*.

Jeff Gale and his wife, Dana, have a daughter, Julia (3), and welcomed a new child to the family this past summer. TicketBiscuit, the online ticketing company Jeff founded in 2001, continues to grow. Degani Ruben (née Stein) lives in Savannah, Ga., with her husband, Jesse, and daughters, Jordan (5) and Elana (2). Degani planned to get back to teaching English and writing at the college level this fall. Jodi Levine and his wife, Jody Alpert-Levine, have been in their joint medical practice on the Upper East Side for more than two years. Jody is an adult and pediatric dermatologist, and Elie is a plastic surgeon. They take care of everyone

from newborns to adults and have an operating room on the premises. Their children are Skyler (13), Jasmine (10), Caitlin (7) and William (2). Elie writes that they are looking forward to our 15th reunion.

Jen Sarnowski Guagenti earned an M.Ed. in early and middle childhood education from Ohio State in 2000, married Joe Guagenti, whom Jen knew from her hometown in Ohio, taught second grade for several years, stayed home with her kids for six years and went back to teach fourth grade this fall. Jen has five kids: Allison (born 2001), Joseph (born 2002), Margaret (born 2004), Ethan (born 2008) and Elizabeth (born 2009). Jen and her family live just north of Columbus, Ohio, and they are having fun with all of the kids' sports and activities. She writes: "Life is good."

Jeremiah Crowell and his wife, Heather McGeary '97 Barnard, welcomed their second son, Beau, on Cinco de Mayo. Beau's brother is Callum (2). Jeremiah and his family recently bought a home in Park Slope, and Jeremiah owns a small production company in SoHo that is developing a feature film. A short film of Jeremiah's, *Small Collection*, played at the Sundance Film Festival in 2009 and many other festivals in the following months, winning eight "best of fest" awards along the way.

After living in Los Angeles for eight years, seven of them as a trial attorney with the federal public defender's office, Lara Bazelon moved to San Francisco to begin a two-year clinical teaching fellowship at the UC Hastings College of the Law. She lives in Cole Valley with her husband, Matt, an associate at Coblenz, Patch, Duffy & Bass. Lara and Matt have a son, Carter, born in April 2009. Caleb Weinstein and

his wife, Debbie, moved to London with their daughter, Charlotte (2), in October 2008. Caleb runs the Discovery Channel across the emerging markets of EMEA (Eastern Europe from Russia and the CIS running south through the Balkans, Turkey and Middle East to South Africa). Caleb travels extensively for work and has been everywhere from Qatar to Dubai, Turkey, Slovenia, Serbia, Bulgaria, Kazakhstan and Russia (where he is about once a month) to ensure that everyone who has cable or satellite TV can satisfy their curiosity through Discovery Channel, Animal Planet and TLC. David Mootabar lives in Bedford, N.Y., with his wife, Nava (a dentist), and daughters, Kimia (6) and Lila (2). David is the associate chairman of the department of ob/gyn and the director of gynecologic surgery at Northern Westchester Hospital in Mount Kisco, N.Y. He has a special interest in laparoscopic and robotic surgery and stays involved with Columbia through alumni committees.

Julie Satow gave birth to a girl, Sophie Emillene Elliott, on July 8. Eric Greizman and his wife, Michelle Weber, live in Westchester, N.Y. They have two boys, Judah (5) and Caleb (2). Eric is a litigator in the New York office of Gibson Dunn & Crutcher and focuses on white collar criminal defense and securities litigation matters. Elizabeth (Tanenbaum) Baron and her husband, Michael, have two children (8 and 6), and live in south Florida. Elizabeth's daughter started school at the Donna Klein Jewish Academy of Boca Raton this fall. Elizabeth is working in commercial real estate for a privately owned company in western Florida. In her spare time, she jogs, swims and does Pilates. Sala Patterson is married to an Italian artist, has a son, Tre Freeman (1), and lives and works in Paris for the Africa and Middle East desk of the OECD Development Centre in a dual policy analyst/outreach coordinator role. Sala and her family have been there for a little more than two years. Before that, Sala was in Tunis, Tunisia, with the African Development Bank, and before that, with the UN in Rome.

More news to report next time... I will leave you with this: "The poets down here don't write nothing at all, they just stand back and let it all be."

—Bruce Springsteen, "Jungleland"

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Nomi Victor was named associate publishing director of the trade department at W.W. Norton.

Claire (Fenton) Simmonds

writes that life is good in Austin, Texas. She and hubby David Simmonds are happily working and raising their children, Patrick (6) and Hannah (4). "Any Columbia folks visiting the area should be sure to look us up!" she says.

Amrit Nagpal writes that things are going well in San Francisco. "Reyna (5) started kindergarten, which was a milestone (and will hopefully be the start of her journey to Columbia!)." Her brother, Jay (3), started preschool.

Carrie Sturts Dossick was awarded promotion with tenure at the University of Washington. As of September 15, she is an associate professor in the Department of Construction Management in the College of Built Environments. She also is the executive director of the Pacific Northwest Center for Construction Research and Education. Carrie and her husband, Stephen Dossick, welcomed twins on July 23, 2009: Charles Ellis and Sara Verdie.

In April, Ruth Mason and her husband, James Wetterau '05 CS, had their first child, Felix.

Suzanne Park and her husband, Trevor Foucher '98 UC Berkeley, are proud parents to Coralie Jane, born June 9. Suzanne also recently launched a line of eco-friendly laptop bags and accessories, available at plaiddoctrine.com.

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Hello, classmates. Unfortunately I don't have too many updates for you this column, so I'll once again invite all of you to send me news, even if you haven't recently gotten married, changed jobs or had a baby. Don't make me resort to stalking you on Facebook!

There is one piece of fabulous news: Kapil Desai wrote with baby news. His wife, Stefanie, gave birth to their first child, Julia Ann, in July. She delivered at Mount Sinai, where Kapil is an assistant professor in musculoskeletal radiology. The happy family lives on the Upper East Side with their English bulldog, Bella (1).

Congratulations, Kapil and Stefanie!

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Unfortunately, I haven't heard from most of you in years, if ever. But luckily, I've been driving around the country unearthing some select morsels of information, and a couple

Emily Landsburg '01 Makes Sewage Part of the Solution

By GRACE LAIDLAW '11

For most environmental activists, sewage waste represents a biohazard — part of a growing waste disposal problem that threatens to upset the planet's ecological balance. For **Emily Landsburg '01**, it's part of the solution.

Landsburg's company, BlackGold (blackgoldbiofuels.com), has created the FOG-to-Fuel system, a device that converts sewer water into renewable energy. "FOG" stands for "fats, oils and greases," three components of wastewater that can be chemically altered to produce biodiesel and other eco-friendly byproducts using the technology developed and sold by BlackGold. Until now, the filtering of FOG has presented a budget concern as well as a health hazard for sewage treatment facilities. By turning the waste into sellable fuel, BlackGold's invention transforms a liability into a revenue source.

The company's motto — "Converting our crudest wastes into our cleanest fuels" — emphasizes the environmental and economic implications of its flagship product. Landsburg further points out that the system has benefits from a national security perspective. If used widely enough, the technology has the potential to improve the U.S. economy by limiting American dependence on foreign oil and making the country less vulnerable to energy shortages as a result of natural disaster.

"It's a pretty simple proposition," says Landsburg. "The more energy independent a nation is, the more secure it can be."

BlackGold began as a subsidiary of The Energy Cooperative, a utility provider based in Philadelphia. The original venture, co-founded by Landsburg in 2004, was a green energy initiative on the part of the cooperative. The project was aimed at encouraging government

agencies and commercial businesses to use biodiesel by making both the fuel and its delivery as affordable as possible. The search for a cost-effective way of generating green energy from otherwise useless materials led the company to focus on the wastewater industry and, ultimately, drove the invention of the FOG-to-Fuel technology. As interest in biodiesel grew, the project gained momentum, and BlackGold officially split off from The Energy Cooperative in 2008.

What started as a regional effort has since gone national. BlackGold already has begun receiving widespread acknowledgment for its environmental conservation efforts, including a Renewable Energy Leadership Award from the governor of Pen-

sylvania. The company ranks third on *Bloomberg Businessweek's* list of America's Most Promising Social Entrepreneurs of 2010. Its client list includes the city of San Francisco, which purchased the first commercial

FOG-to-Fuel system in 2009. BlackGold owes much of its success to the expertise and enthusiasm of Landsburg, who was named CEO shortly before BlackGold separated from The Energy Cooperative. Before she arrived in Philadelphia, the young entrepreneur already had built and sold her first company, a seasonal business that maintained boats. Water was familiar territory for Landsburg, who spent four years on the sailing team while at Columbia. Before long, however, she decided to branch out. "I really loved building businesses, but I wanted to be in a field that had more of an impact," Landsburg says.

Though BlackGold occupies a very different niche than her first company, Landsburg believes that her previous experience as an entrepreneur was good preparation for her current work. "There's a certain scrappy resourcefulness common to all start-ups," she says. There are common challenges as well, such as the pre-revenue phase that all new businesses must deal with while facing deadlines and satisfying investors without the benefit of independent cash flow. By the time she started BlackGold, Landsburg had already become an expert at saving time while cutting costs.

She is quick to distinguish, however, between financial and human resources. Landsburg believes that even in an economic downturn, it is possible for start-up companies with limited means to attract talented workers. In fact, she thinks that the recession may

have given BlackGold an edge in the hiring process. "In an environment like this," she says, "people are more willing to take risks, and in that sense, it's a great time to be a start-up. We have some fabulous employees."

Those who knew Landsburg during college are not surprised that she has made a career as an entrepreneur. Carina Schoenberger '02, who sailed with Landsburg at Columbia, says that her friend has never been afraid to disregard convention. During a team trip to Miami, Schoenberger remembers Landsburg wandering off after practice to chat with local fishermen about the equipment they were using.

"She's definitely a perpetual student," Schoenberger says. "She learns from everything she does."

While at Columbia, Landsburg majored in applied math — a program usually reserved for SEAS students. Her decision required a special waiver from the Office of Academic Affairs. "I wanted to focus on applied math, but I loved the Core," she explains. "It offered a little bit of everything, a great overview."

This enthusiasm for tackling a wide range of subjects may explain Landsburg's willingness to take on the hectic schedule and broad-ranging responsibilities of a small business owner. "I've always liked having my hands in a lot of different projects at once," she says.

Landsburg is confident that there will be more entrepreneurial undertakings in her future, but not for a while. "At some point, much further down the road, I'd like to start more businesses," she says, "but for the foreseeable future, this is my sole and total focus."

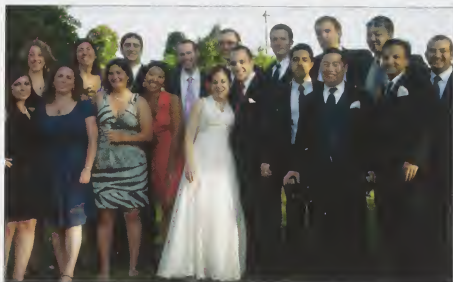


BlackGold founder Emily Landsburg '01 speaks at the 5th Annual Canadian Renewable Fuels Summit in 2008. BlackGold converts sewer water into renewable energy.

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Judy Vale '04 and Mike Rubin '04 hosted a Columbia reunion at their July 4 wedding in Garrison, N.Y. Partying with the couple were (top row, left to right) Rae Neugarten '04, Zoe Marcus '04, Jon Steiner '04E, Joe Gaynor '04, Mark Franczyk '04, Tom Biegeleisen '04, Zach Rosner '04 and Kentaro Kaji '04; and (bottom row, left to right) Sara Topek Spronz '04 Barnard, Marisa Cohn '02 Barnard, Mary Amasia '04E, Kimberly Ong '04, the bride, the groom, Neil Vaishnav '04, Eric Chang '04 and Rajesh Banik '04E.

brave souls have written in with news.

Aaron Greco '04 Business: "I recently founded a tech company that allows students and parents to customize pages that get added in their school yearbooks. We're doing everything we can to get the word out about our product, and I thought CC alumni might be interested in hearing what we're up to. I encourage you to check out our website if you're interested: treering.com."

The most devoted and scrupulous contributor to this column, Kristina Kaufman, wrote to say, "I visited Erika (Moravec) Jaeggli and Nelson Jaeggli '97 in Austin, Texas, for five days during Labor Day weekend. They're doing well, raising two cute and hilarious kids named August and Raina. Erika's painting as much as she can and has a studio space in East Austin with other artists. We had a great time going to the botanical gardens and the pool, and of course eating at least our weight in Tex Mex and BBQ. I learned that things really are bigger in Texas (bugs, cars, etc.) and that it's acceptable to bring your own beer cozy to a cookout. I almost got stuck there because of Hurricane Ermine and experienced my first tornado warnings! But I made it back in one piece. Erika and I also realized that it had been exactly 15 years since we met during our first weeks at Columbia. We felt old!"

In August, I drove out to the West Coast for a long-overdue consultation with my favorite psychiatrist, Dr. Janya Kaufman, who is lovely and insightful as ever. On my way back east, I stopped in Chicago and stayed with Ethan Fischer and his sweetheart, Robyn, who courageously put up with

both me and my 150-lb. mastiff, Bear. We cruised around town and visited Jenn and her darling baby and happy husband. Jenn noticed Ebon Moss-Bachrach on *Damages*, and shared that Susie Lee reads this column, that Pete Younkun got hitched and that she got a Rosh Hashanah card from Ethan Davidson.

Later, we all had dinner with Esther Chak, who revealed, after 1½ glasses of wine, that she'd recently seen Mike Erman, but he told her not to tell me. (Mike, why?) Esther also told me that Sofia Perenyi has opened a yoga studio in Paris, that Chris Hardin stopped in Chicago en route to San Francisco via train for his birthday, that Julia Bloch is a video editor and hangs out in Brooklyn with Matt Miller '00E and Maggie Pouncey '00, and that interactive designer Mira Alibek is now in Odessa at some point but is now back in Brooklyn. Esther and Jenn both see David Mesoulam '00 often. He lives in Evanston with his wife and their daughters (1 and 3).

This flurry of boldface names is what happens when people actually give up the goods.

Finally, in case you were still curious about George Demos' run for Congress (I was), I pulled this from his website:

"Thank you to all of you who worked so hard for our campaign and for our cause of true conservative values. We have fought the good fight for conservative principles, exceeded all expectations, but come a little bit short tonight.

"Moments ago, I called Randy Altschuler and congratulated him on winning the Republican nomination for U.S. Congress. It is imperative that we stop the Obama-Pelosi-Bishop agenda of reckless spending

and higher taxes. To do that, we must win back our Congress. I will do everything in my power to ensure that Randy Altschuler is our next Congressman because the future of our nation is at stake. I also congratulate Chris Cox for a vigorous campaign.

"Thank you to the Republican party chairman, John LaValle, for opening the primary process so that we could participate and spread our message.

"I have met thousands of people across Long Island, and they all agree that our spending is out of control and our taxes are too high. We must change course in this nation or our future is at risk.

"I am so honored at the tremendous support we received from so many leaders including Rush Limbaugh. I will continue to fight for our principles and our values. I believed in them yesterday, I believe in them today and I will believe in them tomorrow.

"May God bless you and always continue to bless the United States of America."

That's all for now. Bye!

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I recently attended the inaugural benefit and silent auction at Cipriani 42nd Street for New York Needs You (newyorkneedsyou.org), a nonprofit that provides high-potential first-generation college students with the most intensive career mentorship program in New York City. Hundreds of the city's most prominent and philanthropic individuals were in attendance. NYNY honored Howard Marks, founder and chairman of Oaktree Capital Management, and Cory A. Booker, mayor of the City of Newark, N.J., for their support and commitment towards NYNY's crucial mission. As a first-generation college grad, I found the entire evening to be very moving.

The organization, founded by Robert Reffkin, leverages 200 highly accomplished professionals who volunteer more than 10,000 hours of mentorship. It is the only nonprofit organization in New York City that focuses exclusively on first-generation college students. The foundation was launched after Rob, who also is president, uncovered significant empirical data indicating that the education level of parents, family structure and socio-economic conditions have a significant influence on the economic mobility of youth. The primary components of the NYNY curriculum are life

planning, career development and community leadership projects.

When not founding nonprofit organizations or running marathons for charity (runningtosupportyoungdreams.com), Rob is a v.p. in the Principal Investment Area of Goldman Sachs. Several other alumni were in attendance to support Rob and NYNY, including John Rowan '01, Andrew Pyo '01, Jeremy Falk '02, Cindy Helen Brea '99E and Marissa Ballan '01 Barnard. It was wonderful to catch up with everyone and celebrate Rob's tremendous accomplishments.

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Hi everyone. Hope things are going well and everyone is gearing up for the holiday season.

It's not always easy to fill this column. Sometimes a cursory glance at the Sunday *New York Times* gives me lots of great material, though.

Jonathan Vogel and Jacqueline Bell Lane were married on August 14 at the Princeton University Chapel. The couple met at Princeton, from which the bride graduated and Jonathan earned a Ph.D. in economics.

The bride is a manager in the mergers and acquisitions group at Capital One in McLean, Va. Jonathan is an associate professor of economics at Columbia. Congratulations to Jonathan and Jacqueline!

Jennifer Shalant and Luke Groskin were featured in the Vows section on September 5, which documented their wedding celebration at the Prospect Park Zoo.

Jennifer is a managing web editor for the Wildlife Conservation Society, which runs the Bronx Zoo. Her husband is a videographer for the society. The couple met while working at the zoo. Luke would send her previews of his video clips about the new animals at the zoo. Jennifer was then responsible for writing the captions for the videos. Congratulations to Jennifer and Luke!

Now, some people actually do write in with exciting news, and I encourage all of you to do the same. I know your classmates would love to hear from you.

A hearty mazel tov to Lauren Silvers (née Goldstein) and her husband, Dan, on the birth of

Ethan Braun, born on July 14 at 7 lbs., 10 oz. and 19 1/4 in. Ethan joins sister Hayley at home in NYC.

Courtney Vowels wrote in with an exciting update. "John Garnevicus and I got married on July 4, 2009, at the Garnevicus family farm in Nelson, Wis. It's the farm John's mom grew up on; his parents retired there a few years ago after 40 or so years in the Bronx. We happily were able to convince about 60 close friends and family to make the tough trek to the middle of the country (2 1/2 hours from the nearest airport and about a mile from the closest neighbor) and got to give a bunch of city folks the full rural Wisconsin experience, including feeding newborn lambs at the farm next door.

"Columbians in attendance included Karen Bram (née Garnevicus) '74 Barnard, Erin Bailey '09 TC, Elisa Jacobs '01 Barnard, Joe Garnevicus '03 (John's middle brother; his youngest brother and my brother were also in attendance), Kate Fillin-Yeh '01 Barnard, Josephine Lee, Dean Lin, Laura Baldez and Tom Garnevicus '69 (John's dad). Also present was Ben Frisch '10 PH, and present in spirit was Rebecca Zimmerman. She was scheduled to be part of the wedding party, but instead was on the other side of the planet welcoming a new addition to her family: She and husband, Eric Friedman, are now busy raising their son, Shai, in Israel.

"John and I have had a whirlwind of a year. Just before the wedding we bought a townhouse in our hometown of the past four years, Seattle. John teaches high school math and science at Lakeside School in Seattle, and I'm the director of education at Tacoma Art Museum. I'm also on the board of our local Columbia alumni club, so we've gotten to meet a lot of local alumni.

Congratulations to Courtney and John!

Best wishes to all, and please do keep in touch.

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Hope everyone enjoyed the summer. With fall came a new season and many new beginnings. Fill us in by e-mailing me at soniah57@gmail.com.

Melissa Tominac was married on June 12 to Mike Stewart in New York City. They will live in London this year, where Melissa is participating in a study-abroad program for her second year of law school.

Beth Stein Lipschitz and her

husband, Nat, welcomed their first baby, Eva Tess, on July 29. Evie already has been enjoying walks with Mom from the Upper West Side to the Columbia campus.

Daniel Lupo is serving in the Army as a chemical specialist at Fort Carson, Colo., and is soon to be deployed to the Middle East.

Ginger Gentile is filming her first feature documentary, *Girls for Girls: The Movie*, which follows the struggle of teenage girls in a Buenos Aires shantytown who dare to play a sport off-limits to women in Argentina: soccer. You can watch the award-winning short and support the project at goalsforgirlsthemovie.org.

Lindsay Jarvis Rosner graduated from Harvard Business School and lives in Los Angeles. She works for Microsoft.

Avi Fernandes graduated with an M.B.A. from INSEAD after having lived in France and Singapore for the last 10 months. He is now deciding on which city to make his permanent home: HK? SF? Singapore? NYC? Only time will tell!

Su Ahn will be attending business school at INSEAD in Fontainebleau and Singapore beginning in January.

Bethany Milton '06 recently finished a two-year tour as a foreign service officer at the U.S. Consulate in Mumbai and is heading out again in April to serve as an economic and consular officer at the embassy in Tel Aviv.

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I wanted to take a moment to reflect, through this column, on the unfortunate passing of John W. Kluge '37. His generosity toward Columbia was unparalleled, and the Kluge Scholars Program that benefited many of our friends through the years is just one example of his legacy. In this season of giving thanks, it seems fitting to thank him and his family for their generous support of our alma mater.

Members of our class continue to make unique contributions to society, including **Lien de Brouckere**, who is "now happily living in lovely Hamburg, Germany, where I am at White & Case's office here working on EU and German competition law."

Oscar Olivo '04, also in Germany, completed his "diploma in 2008 at the Hochschule für Schauspielkunst "Ernst Busch" and



Jessica Bobula Foster '06 married her UVA School of Medicine classmate Sean Foster in Charlottesville, N.Y., in July 2009. Keeping the bride company were (from left to right) Lauren Baranco '06; Carly Hugo '06; Tara Wedin '06; Kelly Gavin '06; the bride; Danielle Joset '06; Katie Fernandez '06, '09L; Dana Gold '06; and Emily Berkman '06 Barnard.

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entered my second year of my three-year contract in the fall. I am part of a 30-person ensemble and am working at the Staatstheater Hannover. It is the state repertoire theater for the State of Hannover. Every state and big city has a state theater in Germany."

Eric Siskind recently published his latest novel, *Moment of Clutch*, which can be purchased and downloaded on Amazon for Kindle, iPad, iPhone, and smartphone reader applications. **Lauren Kornreich Shawn** writes, "I married Brett Shawn. We didn't know each other in college, surprisingly, but met a few years out of college. I'm in my last year of residency in emergency medicine at NYU/Bellevue, and Brett is a first-year associate at Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz."

Luz Jimenez graduated from medical school and is in her second year of residency in combined internal medicine/pediatrics.

Pat Holder writes, "My wife, Kirsten, and I moved in June 2009 to Boston, where I took a job as a postdoctoral researcher for Daniel Nocera in the chemistry department at MIT. I was fortunate enough to receive an NIH Fellowship for three years for my research. Kirsten found work with the John A. Volpe National Transportation Systems Center in Cambridge, where she is planning alternative transportation such as shuttles and trails for National Parks and federal land agencies."

Miru Kim has been "working full-time on my artwork and traveling a lot. This year, April, one-month stay and a solo show in Istanbul; May, shooting in Iowa; July–August, The Fountainhead Residency in Miami (artist residency); September, Lodz, Poland, stay for two weeks to produce work for the Lodz Biennale; October, Uruguay for a show in Montevideo and another Miami

residency."

Lastly, **Beth Priest** "recently completed the Intern Development Program and passed the last of my Architecture Registration Exams to become a licensed architect. I am practicing at DeStefano and Partners in Chicago. My husband, Gregory, and I welcomed a daughter, Mallory Eleanor Murphy, into our family on April 5."

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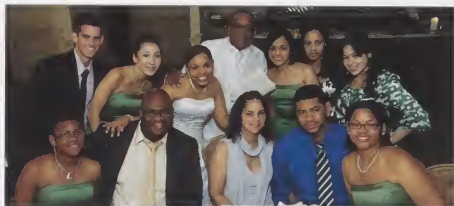
Hello fellow alumni! I hope you are all doing well and gearing up for a fun holiday season. As always, please send any and all updates my way. On to the news:

Ryan Brumberg is the Republican candidate for Congress in New York's 14th District. Ryan graduated from Stanford Law School in 2007 and worked at McKinsey and Co. for the past several years as a management consultant. In March, he resigned in good standing to run full-time for Congress.

Matthew Einhorn is his campaign manager.

After three years as a litigation associate at Cahill Gordon & Reindel, **Sogol Somekh** started a judicial clerkship in the fall working in the federal courthouse in Brooklyn Heights. She is looking forward to what should be a wonderful professional and personal experience.

Congratulations to **Arielle Fenigstein** and **Yehuda Cohen**, who were married on August 1 in L.A. Yehuda writes, "We knew each other during college but were not really friends; we reconnected while living in Washington Heights during the past two years. Arielle is an English teacher at SAR H.S. in the Bronx. I am completing my residency in



Daline Martinez '08 married her high school sweetheart, Elin Lanzo, in New Rochelle, N.Y., on May 9. Nickisha Berlus '08 (seated, far left) and Laura Lee '08 (standing, second from left) were among a group of Columbia alumni joining the festivities.

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internal medicine at Montefiore and next year will be heading to Boston for a fellowship at Beth Israel Deaconess in infectious disease."

In attendance at the wedding were Jay Weinberg '04E, '06E; Ariel Zell; Michael Wiener; Elie Hassenfeld; Talia Falk '06; Shifra Koyfman '06; Bernard; Regine Setton Galanti '04; Barnard; Ilana Mann '03; Barnard; Lisa Kellerman; Elie Kravitz '06; Zev Wiener '06; Tara Herman; Scott Haberfeld '05E; and Scott Rader '03, '06L.

Congratulations also go out to James Lee '04E and his longtime girlfriend Susan Kim, who he met while she was visiting a friend at Columbia over his freshman year. There was a big showing of Columbia alumni at their wedding: Eric Rhee '04E, '06E; Jared Kennedy '04E; Ben Farber; Miklos Vasathely; Mark Bhupathi; Andrew Sohn; Jesse Scott; Brian Ballan '04E; Ray Lansigan; Anna Fang; Megan McCarthy; Lindsey Smith '04E; and Sogol Somekh.

Congratulations to Judy Vale and Mike Rubin, who got married on July 4 in Garrison, N.Y. It was a mini Columbia reunion of sorts, with 18 alumni in attendance: Rae Neugarten; Joe Marcus; Jon Steiner '04E; Joe Gaynor; Mark Franczyk; Tom Biegeleisen; Zach Rosner; Kentaro Kaji; Sara Topek Spronzy '04; Barnard; Marisa Cohn '02; Barnard; Mary Amasia '04E; Kimberly Ong; Judy Vale; Mike Rubin; Neil Vaishnav '05; Eric Chang '04E; Rajesh Banik '04E and Fernando Martine.

Happy holidays to you all. See you in 2011!

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I hope everyone had a wonderful summer. Here are some updates from classmates.

LoTaya Tavernier recently moved from Atlanta to Santa Barbara, Calif., to begin a disserta-

tion fellowship in the black studies department at UC Santa Barbara. She's excited about completing the last year in her Ph.D. program.

Yan Feng continues his work as a religion correspondent for *The Straits Times* in Singapore. He will spend this fall shuttling between New York, Denver, D.C. and Doha, Qatar. If you're in any of these cities, he'd love to catch up: yen.feng@gmail.com.

Congrats to Rebecca (Pollack) Kee and Bill Kee. Their first child, James Richard, was born in San Francisco on August 21 at 12:03 a.m. James was 5 lbs., 5 oz., and 18 in. Rebecca says that this "future Columbian" plans to "major in philosophy."

W. Garner Robinson was selected for a commission as an intelligence officer in the Navy Reserve. He began training this fall.

Lily Hsu married Konrad Schlick in Malibu, Calif. The newlyweds moved to San Diego, where they're both medical residents. Congrats!

Eliana Meirowitz Nelson writes: "My husband and I soon will move to Jerusalem for a year. He'll be continuing his rabbinic studies, and I'll have an internship at the Smokler Center for Health Policy Research as part of my work toward a master of public health degree at Boston University. We're excited to spend time in Jerusalem and also use it as a launching pad for some international adventures. (We're thinking about going to Italy, Greece, Norway, Sweden, Egypt and Jordan during the year.) If I have any classmates in Israel, it'd be great to reconnect. And if you're living somewhere where else amazing and want some visitors, let me know."

Phil Sandick recently finished a book on the history of a private secondary school in Botswana. He also got engaged in a hot air balloon over the Serengeti to Colleen Kelley '07 SW. He is enrolled in a four-year J.D./LL.M. program in international human rights at Northwestern.

Lizet Lopez writes: "I finished my M.B.A. at Kellogg School of

Management (Northwestern) in June and celebrated with a trip to see the World Cup in South Africa (joined by Charlotte Jacobs). We spent three weeks in the country and went to two games, quarter-final match of Argentina and Germany in Capetown and third place match between Germany and Uruguay in Port Elizabeth. We also survived a three-day safari in Kruger, where we saw all of Africa's 'big five', and more! Now I am busy settling back into my hometown, Dallas, after a nine-year hiatus, i.e., since I left for Columbia. I work full-time with A.T. Kearney management consulting."

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Hello, everyone. Here are some updates from our classmates:

Sean Duffy is taking a year off from medical school at Harvard to work at IDEO in San Francisco.

Brian Wagner is an account director at an international public relations firm in Washington, D.C., where his undergraduate interest in Chinese history and politics is finally being put to good use. Brian also is entering his second year as an officer in the Navy Reserve, and is working at the Pentagon as of October. He reconnected with Micah Springut, Claudia Sandoval and Montse Ferrer at a young alumni event in D.C. recently and hopes to rediscover more Columbian in the coming months.

Julia Nagle writes, "I'm working on my second year in a public policy master's program in California. I'm loving the Bay area: the fresh food, outdoor excursions and great weather. Feel free to get in touch if you're in the area."

After eight years in New York City, Ganesh Betanabhatla relocated to Houston in August. He works in energy private equity at CCMP Capital and will be opening a new office for the company. If any of you are in Houston, please reach out. Holly Guzman is starting her first year at the full-time M.B.A. program of the University of Chicago Booth School of Business. Tessaly La Force is the web editor of *The Paris Review*. She recently launched a blog and redesigned the website.

J.J. Stranko has started a master's program at SAIS-Johns Hopkins in Bologna and welcomes any and all

visits to *la vita bella* in Italy. Victoria Baranetsky sends a haiku from Cambridge:

"Last year in school now
Makes me think about CC
Oh the many roars."

Tamar Fuhrer and Jonathan Faria were married in Toronto on August 14. Other Columbians present included maid of honor Peta-Kaye Johnson '07, best man Daniel Faria '12J, bridesmaid Kayla Small '07, Hilary Parsons, Vlad Adzic '06E and Connie Shi '07E. Tamar and Jon live in Los Angeles. Tamar is a transportation planner for Fehr & Peers, a consulting company. Jon earned his law degree from UCLA in May and began as an associate at Kirkland & Ellis in September.

Last, but certainly not least, I want to extend a warm, much belated congratulations to Jessica Bobula Foster, who was married in July 2009. The wedding was in Charlottesville, Va. She married Sean Foster, a fellow medical school classmate at the University of Virginia. They both graduated in May. Jessica is doing her residency in pediatrics at Cincinnati Children's Hospital. [See photo.]

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"Our truest life is when we are in dreams awake."

—Henry David Thoreau

It's wonderful to hear the amazing things our classmates are up to. CC '07, you're all living the dream!

Nishant Dixit writes from Mumbai, India: "I recently finished up a project at TechnoServe with the Tibetan Government in Exile. This government, created by His Holiness the Dalai Lama, was founded in 1959 to manage the affairs of the Tibetan community in India. The project goal is to enhance livelihood opportunities for approximately 80,000 Tibetan refugees across 28 settlements. This involves planning and designing collaborative livelihood interventions in agriculture, tourism, rural call centers, access to financial services and entrepreneurship. Our project was presented to the Central Tibetan Administration in June."

"In July, I traveled to South Africa to watch the World Cup. It's amazing to see how far the country has come in such a short time. I saw Ghana versus Germany with Alper Bahadır at Soccer City Stadium in Johannesburg. I was able to meet Professor Sunil Gulati, president of the U.S. Soccer Federation, for breakfast in Johannesburg."

Many of our classmates started

graduate school this fall.

Jessica Zen (née Wong) and her husband moved to Cambridge, Mass., where Jessica started business school at MIT Sloan.

Becca Hartog shares, "I completed my Peace Corps service in Cameroon in November 2009 and traveled to Tanzania with Alison O'Neill '07E afterward. More recently, I've begun medical school at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine. Go Steelers!"

Mark Keller writes, "I'm in the United Kingdom this fall to pursue my M.Sc. in Latin American studies at St. Antony's College, University of Oxford."

Aaron Berman moved to Vail, Colo. He writes, "I've been enjoying the outdoors and also started a personal chef and catering company, Double Diamond Chefs. Hoping for a lot of snow this winter!"

John Shekita writes, "After earning a master's or two, I relocated to the Central Valley of California to teach at a charter school operated by Bard College. Aside from teaching at the Paramount Bard Academy, my days are spent eating in N-Out burgers, listening to Katy Perry and sweating in the oppressive heat."

Tarik Bolat shares, "Dave Schor participated in the King of Prussia Cheese Rolling Competition, working with a wheel of young Gouda and finishing a respectable 12th place."

Mike Groopman embarked this summer on a two-week trip in Switzerland, where he hiked in the Alps, stayed in rustic cabins and made his own muesli at each stop. (This evidently is the point of the trip.)

Lukas McGowan is touring Buffalo, N.Y., performing his critically acclaimed one-man show, *Pots, Pans, and Glass*. Inspired by the hit musical *Stomp*, Lukas has created what he calls a "special cat-suit" that comprises household kitchen items including whisks, wooden ladles, a Cuisinart blender and electric skillets, which he uses to play an entire catalogue of Philip Glass compositions. *The Buffalo News* quoted him: "In college, I was inspired by a course called Music Hum[anities]. I thought, hey, I like cookware and I love the Minimalist compositions of Philip Glass—it just seemed like a natural marriage. You really haven't experienced Mr. Glass' compositions until you've heard them through the timbre of a Macy's crock pot."

Lukas is in negotiations with several Off-Broadway theaters and hopes to bring his show to Manhattan in the fall. Keep an eye out!

In August, Meghan McCain published the book *Dirty Sexy Politics*. Publisher Hyperion Books describes it: "In this witty, candid and boisterous book, Meghan takes us deep behind the scenes of the campaign

trail. She steals campaign signs in New Hampshire, tastes the nightlife in Nashville, and has a strange encounter with Laura and Jenna Bush at the White House. Along the way, she falls in love with America while seeing how far the Republican Party has veered from its core values of freedom, honesty and individuality. In *Dirty Sexy Politics*, Meghan McCain gives us a true insider's account of life on a campaign trail."

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Hello CC! '08 Lots of exciting news to report from the last few months, my favorite of which may be the WSJ article, "Where Columbia Beats Harvard: On the Battlefield of Curricula." (Look for the piece if you haven't already seen it!)

Thommen Olappally recently moved back to Bangalore, India, after a two-year stint with Morgan Stanley in New York. He kicked things off with a backpacking trip around India up to the Himalayas and is excited about all the opportunities that await in the motherland. He strongly encourages Columbians to visit.

Neda Navab is taking time off from McKinsey to work in Kigali, Rwanda, with TechnoServe, an NGO that focuses on finding business solutions to rural poverty. She is supervising a pilot business training program for 200 socially and economically excluded women throughout rural Rwanda. "So far, it's been wild, and bizarre, and just what I needed: a great shakeup after six years in New York."

Rachel Trager recently launched Pink Pangea (pinkpangea.com), an online community for women travelers. Pink Pangea is a site where women travelers share their experiences abroad, connect to fellow travelers and inspire other women to explore the world. Pink Pangea's goal is to make travel easier, safer and more fulfilling for women of all ages. "I invite all CC women to check it out and share their travel experiences," says Rachel.

David Gerson's short documentary film, *Ultra Violet for Sixteen Minutes*, about Dalí's mistress and Warhol's muse, the born-again Mormon Ultra Violet, has been successfully playing festivals around the United States. "Totally engaging," writes Albert Mayles. "A gem of a little film," says HuffPo. "Because of this film the industry newsletter *Film News Brief* named me one of May's 'top four filmmakers to watch.' I also recently acted in several New York theatrical runs as well as a national ad campaign for NBC's new local

nightlife blog." More info can be found at davidhenryerson.com.

Stanimir Rachev has moved to Shanghai. "I started a science teaching job in a high school. I am looking forward to meeting any Columbia grads in China!"

Caroline McNamara recently returned from a weeklong trip in Germany and the Czech Republic with two friends from high school. "We traveled to Berlin and Prague and had a great time," she said.

Riaz Zaidi returned from Iraq in February and after visiting alma mater while on leave in July deployed to Afghanistan in October with the 1st Squadron—113th Cavalry Regiment.

Rachel Weidenbaum (now Rachel Claire) and Noam Harary starred in the independent film *Heaven is Waiting*, directed by Shlomi Ben Yair and produced by Pegah Easton. The film has been screened at the following international festivals: the Cannes Short Corner, Milan, Montreal and Rhode Island.

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As the leaves have fallen and we start piling on the layers of clothing to keep us warm, the Class of 2009 continues to pursue exciting endeavors everywhere from Hollywood to Mongolia.

Keli Leong took time off before graduate school to film part of the James L. Brooks movie *How Do You Know* in October 2009. Reese Witherspoon stars in the film in which her character is a professional softball player. Keli represented her sport by portraying one of Witherspoon's teammates on the U.S. National Team. The movie opens in theaters on December 17. It was a fantastic networking opportunity that led Keli to a volunteer assistant coaching position at Iona College. During her time there, the team won the softball program's first Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference Championship in 25 years and made its inaugural NCAA Division I Regional appearance.

Liz Berger returned last summer from Mongolia, where she volunteered on the Mongol-American Khovd Archaeology Project. Volunteers worked on an excavation of a 2,000-year-old cemetery in the Altai Mountains and had the chance to experience contemporary life in the Mongolian countryside (including much off-road driving and even some barbecued marmot).

After graduation, Marissa Smith took to bartending to save for a

three-month volunteer project in Guanajuato, Mexico. There, working at a shelter for abused women and girls, she took up multiple projects including education of the girls in math, science and English. Her group also developed a computer lab with eight computers for the girls to learn to type and use computer programs. After the project, Marissa decided to do a cross-country bike tour with the American Lung Association, raising more than \$6,000 for lung disease research. It took 48 days, more than 3,300 miles and many ice cream breaks to get from Seattle to Washington, D.C. Marissa has learned to speak to cows, developed zebra-like tan lines and learned how to pitch a tent and find cover during ridiculous hailstorms. She started massage school in New York City in September and is searching for a job that unfortunately does not involve making drinks.

After a year in the United Kingdom, Eric Lukas spent the summer working in Washington, D.C., and at home in northern Virginia as an assistant editor at *Foreign Policy* magazine. From June–September, he was a regular contributor to *ForeignPolicy.com's* Oil and Glory blog, where he provided news and commentary on the latest developments in the business, politics and economics of energy. Among some of his favorite pieces were posts on the future of the oil industry after the BP oil spill and on clean energy initiatives in the Middle East. He writes, "It's not often that you're in a position to write about exactly what interests you, and I felt very fortunate to have this opportunity." When he was not blogging, Eric hiked and biked through Virginia's Blue Ridge Mountains and visited New York and New England. He also caught up with friends over dinner and drinks in Washington, including Spencer Silverstein and Kunal Sharma '10. Eric returned to Oxford in October for the second year of his master's program in international relations, where he is studying the problems of international cooperation in energy.

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Hello, 2010. I am writing this in early September from my new apartment in Greenwich Village, shared with Charlotte Furet '10 Barnard and Sandra Cariglio. As I watch the NYU freshmen move into their dorms and try not to wince when cashiers ask if I have my NYU student ID, I am struck not only by the fact that we are not returning to school but also

by how far we have come since we entered Columbia four years ago.

After graduation, **Louis Miller** traveled across Western Europe and returned to New York with a new interest in art and travel. He is working in the Capital Markets group of Morgan Stanley Smith Barney, which he says he is enjoying so far. He also is developing an interest in politics and is looking for a forum to explore it further. Although it will be his first fall not playing football, he says he is excited to watch his brother, Evan '12, play football at Columbia.

Nirvikar Jassal works for NYC Mayor Michael Bloomberg in City Hall as a research analyst. He recently moved to Long Island City, a short commute to Grand Central, with **Jonathon Sanchez** and **Eric Pogue**. They love their apartment, which has spectacular views of Manhattan.

After spending a relaxing post-graduation summer working odd jobs and living in Brooklyn, **Bryan Lower** is downtown this fall at NYU pursuing a master's in jour-

nalism, concentrating in the highly regarded Cultural Reporting and Criticism program. He may still be seen around Morningside, however, as he will soon move to West Harlem with his partner, Cam McDonald, who is pursuing a Ph.D. in cultural anthropology at the New School for Social Research.

Ajay Kumar Mangal writes, "I left NYC with a dream to create opportunities for teenagers in rough, low-income communities through Teach for America in Houston. I have been doing my best to bridge the achievement gap while coming to realize how much I miss New York City and all of my friends, who have significantly changed my life. I can't believe I'm on my own. Soon enough, I'll be heading to medical school. Until then, I'm training for the Iron Man competition while making a difference in the lives of others."

Rachel Vishnepolsky has quite a story to share. She writes, "My plans were fixed: I was to teach English in South Korea for a year. But in the taxi on my way to the airport, I checked

my voice messages and found out I had been taken off the waitlist for a Fulbright research grant. I had been on the list for several months. Now I'm going to Poland to study philosophy, math and logic. My college boyfriend, **Corey Bregman**, will join me in Warsaw."

Chris Vin certainly wins for either his fiction writing skills or his remarkable experience. Chris writes, "While mowing the lawn, I was stung by a scorpion in my backyard. After being taken to the hospital and hospitalized for two weeks for an almost fatal sting, biologists who study insects started studying the origins of these scorpions that had made their way as far north as central Virginia. My misfortune began the pioneering of widespread research on the species. Glad I could help. Since then, I moved to Seoul, South Korea, and am teaching English at an English academy."

Erica Lee hasn't seen any scorpions lately, but she has seen many "cute little mice" in her Harlem apartment. She is hoping to escape before the bedbugs start

biting. Nevertheless, she says she is excited to still be in New York City!

Veronica Couzo's summer was filled with moving, packing, and more moving and packing. In addition to studying for the LSAT, she has been a full-time employee at MTV since June. She says the most exciting thing that happened to her during the summer (other than attending a Backstreet Boys concert) was having a bathroom ceiling in Columbia Graduate house collapse on her head. Stay safe, Veronica!

Thank you for all of your great submissions. Keep them coming!



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says, "The result, after a bit of research, was a gluten-free, dairy-free, egg-free and sugar-free cake that actually tasted good." But you don't have to be a magnificent pastry chef to support a celiac friend. We were able to enjoy countless dinners because people simply asked questions about what food was safe for us.

So, what is Columbia without gluten? Without beer, pizza and Chinese take-out? In the end, not all that different. You find alternative drinks and foods, plan for meal-less emergencies and make understanding friends. While a gluten-free diet is certainly not an unsurpassable obstacle, our point is that it need not be an obstacle at all. The only thing truly daunting about celiac disease and a gluten-free diet is the barrier of unfamiliarity. We thrived at Columbia because we were able to break down this barrier within a small group of friends. But if celiacs are willing to speak up, to not be apologetic about their condition, and the rest of the community is a little more conscientious, the barrier needn't exist. We hope that the Columbia community will continue to rise to the challenge of being aware and supportive of its celiacs, taking a lead in helping three million Americans lead normal lives.

For more about celiac disease, see the article in the Winter 2009-10 issue of Columbia magazine: magazine.columbia.edu/features/winter-2009-10/against-grain.



Arianne Richard '10 works in an autism community research lab at the National Institutes of Health and intends to enter graduate school in fall 2011. **Jeffrey Spear '10** works for the Center for the Core Curriculum and is trying to earn a place on the U.S. 2012 Olympic fencing team before applying to graduate school in fall 2012.

Letters

(Continued from page 2)

in the form of Mel's is a positive economic indicator. Or at least it will be a good place to get a hamburger.

Bruce Paulsen '80
New York City

Conservo?

I see that you are publishing conservo-oriented letters these days — more so, it seems, than in the past. Thank you.

Martin Heitweil '66
New York City

Columbia Club

I suspect that distant memories have added enchantment. Mr. Jay R. Deutsch '66 (Letters, September/October) remembers an idealized clubhouse.

I was a member for many years before it closed. It was a moth-eaten, dusty mess, with spooky moose heads coming out of the walls. The food was something to write home about; it was awful, with service to match.

We gave the Princeton people our club privileges while they were building their new quarters and in return they offered our members a chance to join their brand-new, beautiful new club. I took advantage of their offer and for some 30 years I enjoyed the quiet, dignified setting, including the members' lunch table where anyone alone could dine with others. We were the only non-Prince-

tonians who were members.

When Columbia took residence many years later, the atmosphere changed. Endless meetings took over the most enjoyable rooms. Members were shunted from small room to small room. Quiet was shattered by loud voices, as personal business was conducted by noisy groups in open view. The Princeton Club was no longer the Princeton Club. The Columbia Club that Mr. Deutsch remembers never was.

Milton Kamen '40
New York City

I write as immediate past president and president emeritus of the Columbia University Club of New York (CUCNY). Jay R. Deutsch '66, who has been attending the College during my tenure as an undergraduate but was not known to me, seems to opine on a topic about which he knows little or nothing.

Many years ago, when the CU Club bunked with the physically inadequate Williams Club, we explored other venues. The Princeton Club of New York was one possibility. The PCNY was strapped for cash and casting about for a future.

I had many conferences with the University's financial and alumni administrators. They, as we, knew that a place for Columbia alumni to gather socially in NYC was essential. Finally, after months of negotiations, I signed a five-year agreement with the president of the Princeton Club. I spent more hours of congenial conversation with my Princeton board colleagues than I did

confronting irate Columbians who sounded so much like Deutsch: unknowledgeable, unhelpful and to a great extent offensive.

Princeton owned the building, the ground and the air. As they were in need of financial support, we were in need of a viable venue. During our contract negotiations, there had to be a certain amount of give and take. We could not usurp the total identity of Princeton. We could and did establish and slowly expand Columbia's identity.

The Columbia membership has grown to almost that of equal size with Princeton alumni. Programs of interest and entertainment to the Columbia community have on occasion been merged with those of the PCNY. And yes, we are the Columbia Club in Residence. We have never been disingenuous about that fact.

If a grateful alumnus, perhaps like Deutsch, would donate a building in the midtown area, furnish it, staff it and leave it as his legacy, then we might well have our own CUCNY. Perhaps if Deutsch had known some meaningful facts, he might have had a more complete understanding of what preceded the current successful situation. Perhaps he might even have tendered some positive suggestions. He might even have been a little kinder and less offensive in his remarks ... but then again, probably not.

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ALUMNI CORNER

College without Pizza: Life at Columbia with Celiac Disease

BY ARIANNE RICHARD '10 AND JEFFREY SPEAR '10

If you were asked how much of your day involves food, you might think about a couple of hours spent preparing and eating meals. Think again. Think about your coffee breaks; the odd candy and baked goods found in colleagues' offices; free food at an event, meeting or information session; and snacks or drinks with friends after dinner. How many of these instances involved food that you prepared and how many food that a restaurant, co-worker, friend or processed food company prepared? You probably have not seen the raw ingredients and preparation process for the grand majority of your food for the day. Now, imagine that an ingredient common to most kitchens, dishes and processed foods will induce a massive autoimmune reaction in your body. What in your daily life would you have to change?

Such is the situation of a person with celiac disease. Gluten, a protein found in wheat, barley and rye, induces an autoimmune reaction in the small intestine of the celiac patient that leads to nutrient deficiency, weight loss, fatigue, numbness and, often, autoimmune reactions in other parts of the body. Undiagnosed, the disease can become deadly. Jeff was more than 50 lbs. underweight before he was successfully diagnosed at 16. He says, "My condition became so bad that at one point doctors told me that, if I survived my then-unknown illness, I would have to cope with permanent mental and physical disability."

Fortunately, a gluten-free diet prevents these effects and recovery is usually quick to follow its implementation. Studies estimate that one in every 100 Americans has celiac disease. This is approximately three million people, or about the population of Manhattan and the Bronx combined. Each Columbia College class, therefore, likely includes 10–12 celiac students. We write as two from the Class of 2010 in the hope that our stories will add to a growing awareness of celiac disease by providing information to both celiacs living in the Columbia community and non-celiacs who interact daily with the celiac population.

Thus we return to the question: What would change in your daily life? Perhaps first would be your perspective on free food. To the average college student, free food is a staple of sustenance. Whether used as enticement to lunchtime review sessions, bribery to share your thoughts with the student council or excuses for dinner-time conferences, students respond. As celiacs, however, we generally experience such events without food. This is often just a minor annoyance, but during all-day events or travel, externally provided food becomes essential. Jeff recalls attempting to live on salad while traveling to fencing meets, while Arianne, who was diagnosed at 18, remembers subsisting on corn chips during the 28-hour Dance Marathon her freshman year. Our reaction to the statement "Food will be provided" is not relief or enthusiasm but concern.

The second change to your daily habits may occur in more casual communal eating settings: dinner at a classmate's suite,



Arianne Richard '10 and Jeffrey Spear '10 at graduation.

your roommate's homemade guacamole, the outrageous cocktail your friend just dreamed up. Sharing food provides a bonding opportunity in social gatherings but often the celiac must refuse and risk offending the host. Arianne remembers one archetypal interaction: "My host was so excited about a freshly baked apple pie, she could not fathom my refusal to try a slice. When I explained having celiac disease, she quickly reassured me that she had used white flour, and when I said that this was still a problem, she suggested I eat only the filling. Unfortunately, this was not a safe solution, either, and as I turned down the offer again, I was met with a scowl."

In addition to social discomfort, this conversation highlights two common misconceptions. The first is that only whole-wheat flour contains wheat. In fact, all common flours, pastas, breads and pastries

as well as many marinades, soy sauces and liquors contain wheat. The second is that celiacs can pick around the flour, that a little cross-contamination won't hurt. Although celiac patients don't have the immediately life-threatening reactions associated with some allergies, many are sensitive enough that even the small amount of gluten spread from a shared stirring spoon can initiate an autoimmune attack. It's better to think of gluten like raw chicken — afterward, you must wash your countertops and utensils to avoid salmonella.

Still, being a celiac is not all about watching a tightrope around socially obligated eating. During our time at Columbia, we were lucky to find support in the local community and at the University. The Celiac Disease Center at P&S, established in 2001, hosts benefit events and free roundtable discussions and is diagnosing and treating more than 2,000 patients annually from around the world. The Morningside Heights deli Nussbaum & Wu now serves gluten-free pizza, allowing us, in our senior year, to laugh at the absurdity of finally being able to order our first dorm pizza. John Jay dining hall has made an effort to support gluten-free students by labeling dishes in the cafeteria and stocking a gluten-free refrigerator. Unfortunately, cross-contamination remains a concern in both the kitchen and serving trays; one such incident left Arianne dizzy and numb during her freshman year. We recommend better control over the gluten-free food and better advertising of the gluten-free refrigerator.

The greatest encouragement, however, came from our friends. Arianne recalls her suitmates surprising her with cupcakes from Babycakes, a gluten-free bakery on the Lower East Side, or excitedly reporting a new gluten-free product at Westside Market. Some friends were daring enough to try gluten-free baking themselves. Jeff fondly remembers the attempts of a few friends to make celebratory brownies, cupcakes and cookies. In perhaps the most ambitious and impressive of these projects, a friend baked a cake for the graduation party for his major. "My friend decided that for such a special event, she wanted to make a cake that everyone could eat," Jeff

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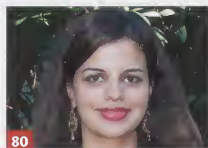
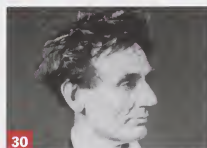
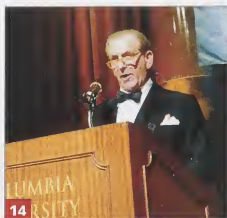
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Letters to the Editor

Kyle Smith

Your article on Kyle Smith [November/December] was terrific. He sure has a great attitude. I met him on my last trip to New York and was impressed. I have a gut feeling he will get the job done at Columbia.

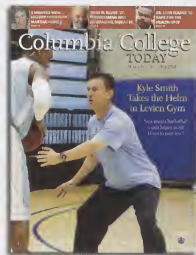
Unfortunately, when he does we'll probably lose him to a higher-paying school.... But till then, it should be a fun ride.

Good job.

Bob Reiss '52

BOCA RATON, FLA.

[Editor's note: The author is a three-time letter-winner in basketball and a member of the 1950-51 team that went 23-0 before losing to Illinois in the NCAA tournament.]



and Tom Haggerty '62 year where we only lost to Princeton but won the Ivy League championship anyway.

Must we wait 100 years or so before we have championship seasons? Every other Ivy school has been able to win or share

at least five Ivy football or men's basketball championships, while Columbia has won only those two. Something is very wrong. We need people who can bring home winning seasons and championships. The poor players cannot go through the agony of defeat year after year, and we cannot expect good players to come to Columbia. Do something about this Greek tragedy before we lose the

two major sports through the agony of constant defeat.

Theodore Calvin Martin '60

NEW CITY, N.Y.

Student Life

I read with interest the article about improved student services at Columbia [September/October]. In my senior year, I wrote a series of columns in *Spectator* gently poking fun at the low quality of student services. The columns about health services and career services prompted earnest conversations with well-meaning administrators seeking ideas on how to improve; other columns (dining services, faculty advising) didn't even accomplish that much. But nobody wrote in to say that I was wrong in my assessment of service quality.

I always thought that administrative indifference actually had many positive effects on student life at Columbia; it forced students to be resilient, and in many instances united us against a common enemy (a distraction from the more common practice of aiming ill-advised barbs at each other). It also prepared us for a post-graduation world in which shabby customer service was and is the norm. But on balance, of course, it's a huge step forward for the institution to be providing better student services, and I certainly commend those at the University and College involved in the effort.

Elliot Regenstein '94

RIVER FOREST, ILL.

This letter is in regard to your article concerning the new men's head basketball coach, Kyle Smith. You mentioned that Columbia last won the Ivy League crown in 1968. Also mentioned was the 1950-51 team that won the Eastern Intercollegiate Basketball Conference title, the forerunner of the Ivy League, which was created in 1954 and began competition in 1956-57.

Permit me to mention that the 1946-47 basketball team, of which I was an active member, won the Eastern Intercollegiate Basketball Conference title as well. The same team won the following year, 1947-48, for the first successive titles in the long history of Columbia basketball. I was no longer on the 1947-48 team, as I had transferred to Harvard Medical School on professional option. After completing that year, I was placed in the 1948 Columbia College graduating class.

Dr. Murray Strober '48

PASSAIC, N.J.

Agony of Defeat

Why in the name of whatever we have not been able to win a basketball or football championship since the 1960s? We won one in basketball in 1968, the Jim McMillian '70 and Haywood Dotson '70, '76J years, where Columbia was nationally ranked only to lose to Davidson in the NCAA tournament on a poor referee call in the final 10 seconds. And we won one in football in 1961, the Tom Vassal '62, Russ Warren '62, Bill Campbell '62, '64 TC

WITHIN THE FAMILY

Working Adds To College Experience

Internships, summer jobs or part-time jobs during the school year can be a valuable part of the college experience and can help prepare students for life in the "real world." Our cover story highlights the growing number of internships available to students under the auspices of the Center for Career Education. The programs offer students a chance to gain work experience, clarify their career plans and enhance their prospects for landing a post-college job, and to do so in locations around the globe.

The article also illustrates how much one Columbia office has changed through the years. This is not your father's job placement office. Even the name, Center for Career Education, is indicative of its focus on educating students for their careers. CCE hosts career fairs, networking events and conferences in a variety of industries to provide students with opportunities to explore different fields of interest and make connections with alumni and potential employers. CCE staffers, through seminars, workshops and one-on-one instruction, coach students on everything from resume-building to effective networking to what not to wear on a job interview. They work with students "before they arrive on campus, through senior year and as alumni," says Dean of Career Education Kavita Sharma.

It's a more comprehensive approach from what I remember as a student. Granted, I wasn't the most aggressive student in reaching out for career assistance; my idea of long-term planning was figuring out what I was going to do next weekend. Even today's CCE, which does plenty of campus advertising and outreach, can't help students who don't take the initiative to seek it out.

I recall an office, perhaps located in Kent Hall, dedicated to helping students find jobs, whether for post-graduation or summer employment. Its best resource for me was a bulletin board with 3x5 index cards listing summer job

possibilities. I got two summer jobs off that bulletin board, and both proved valuable in shaping my career—even though my experiences in those jobs were decidedly mixed.

The first job was with a civil engineering company where I was a go-fer, helping wherever needed. I had just completed my first year at Columbia, where I started out in the Engineering School, and I was having second thoughts about whether this was the right direction for me. Spending a summer working with engineers and draftsmen, seeing what they did from 9 to 5, confirmed those doubts. So even though the job did not work out especially well, it was a valuable learning experience in that it taught me what I did not want to be.



The next summer I landed a job with a small trade magazine that covered the audio equipment industry (the big news was the battle between cassettes and eight-tracks). I had transferred to the College by then and was spending most of my time at *Spectator*, and this job turned out to be a great introduction to magazine publishing. It was basically a one-man shop, and the one man was thrilled to hire an eager college student to mind the shop during the summer so he could pursue his passion, which was concert promoting. I got to do everything on that magazine, from writing and editing to fact-checking, photo research and proofreading. I managed to not mess it up too badly and got hired for a second summer, after which I knew that I could be happy in a career that involved writing, editing and publishing.

The point is, summer or part-time jobs can be very beneficial, whether or not they are positive at the time. They are learning experiences, exposing students to possible careers or perhaps helping them scratch one off the list. A vibrant Center for Career Education and a growing network of supportive alumni enhance the chances of these formative jobs working out well, both short-term and long-term.

Growing older beats the alternative, to be sure, but one of the prices that must be paid is the loss of friends and colleagues.

Seth Neugrosch '40, longtime class correspondent, died on November 4. Seth was an intelligent, thoughtful gentleman who, often devoted space in his column to urge classmates to think about what type of legacy their generation was leaving to their children and grandchildren. It's a question that should not be lost with his passing, for members of his class and all others.

Bill Shannon arrived at the College in 1959 but did not graduate—one friend said he was "too busy going to sports events." He did find time to help out the sports information office at Columbia, where he discovered his calling. If you worked in sports in New York during the past 40 years, you knew Bill as a press box presence, the official scorer for the New York Yankees and Mets, a correspondent for various media outlets, and a fountain of knowledge and witticisms. I last saw him in the press box at Robert K. Kraft Field, where he was regaling younger writers in his stentorian voice. Not long ago he moved to New Jersey to help care for his aging mother, and on October 26 he died there in a house fire.

Two others whom I knew well from my sports days also died recently—Matt Dobek, public relations director for the Detroit Pistons for 31 years, and Phil Jasner, a sports writer for the *Philadelphia Daily News* since 1972. They were two of the most popular and capable people on the media end of pro basketball, part of a small fraternity that saw the NBA grow from a struggling mom-and-pop league to a thriving, global entity. Each played a role in that growth; more importantly, each had fun doing it and made being part of that fraternity more enjoyable for all. They are missed.

Alex Sarhara

AROUND THE QUADS

John Jay Awards Dinner To Honor Five Accomplished Alumni

Five alumni who have excelled in their careers each will be presented a 2011 John Jay Award for distinguished professional achievement on Wednesday, March 2, at the annual John Jay Awards Dinner.

This year's honorees are Andrew Barth '83, president, Capital Guardian Trust; Alexander Navab '87, partner and co-head of North American Private Equity, Kohlberg Kravis Roberts & Co.; Kenneth Ofori-Atta '84, executive chairman and co-founder, Databank Financial Services; Michael Oren '77, Israeli ambassador to the United States; and Elizabeth D. Rubin '87, a journalist.

They will be feted at a black-tie dinner at Cipriani 42nd Street on New York City's East Side. The dinner proceeds benefit the John Jay Scholars Program, which aims to extend and enhance academic and



Cipriani 42nd Street will host the John Jay Awards Dinner again this year.

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extracurricular experiences for outstanding first-year College students. John Jay Scholars are offered the opportunity to participate in special programs such as panels, discussions and outings.

Speakers at the dinner will include President Lee C. Bollinger, Dean Michele

Moody-Adams and an accomplished student participating in the John Jay Scholars Program, as well as the honorees.

The event is named for founding father and first secretary of the treasury John Jay (Class of 1764), and the awards showcase the accomplishments of the alumni population and the variety of careers that they pursue. Last year's honorees, for example, were attorney Brian C. Krisberg '81, financiers Frank Lopez-Balboa '82 and Tracy V. Maitland '82, the Meyer Schapiro Professor of Art History David Rosand '59 and stage and film actress Julia Stiles '05 (college.columbia.edu/cct/may_jun10).

For more information on the dinner, contact Meghan Eschmann, associate director of alumni affairs: me2363@columbia.edu or 212-851-7399.

Lisa Palladino

Successful Columbia Campaign Expanded

A\$1 billion expansion of the highly successful Columbia Campaign was announced in early December. Priorities for the expanded Columbia Campaign for Undergraduate Education, which is part of the overall Columbia Campaign, include financial aid, Core assistant professorships and other faculty enhancements, new programs for international students, advising in Student Affairs and the Center for Career Education, and the Columbia College Annual Fund.

"All are vitally important to the future of the College," said Dean Michele Moody-Adams. "Need-blind admissions and full-need financial aid are crucial to maintaining the College's remarkable diversity, and outstanding faculty teaching in modern facilities help attract highly qualified students to apply in ever-rising numbers, both domestically and globally."

More than 160,000 alumni, parents and friends have donated nearly \$4 billion through the Columbia Campaign since its inception in 2004, making it one of the most

successful fundraising and alumni-outreach efforts in the history of higher education. With the original \$4 billion goal in sight, the University announced that it would expand the goal to \$5 billion and extend the campaign through December 2013.

Since the campaign began, changes in financial aid policy — including the replacement of loans by grants for undergraduates from lower-income families — have put a strain on the budget. The College is one of the few schools in the nation to maintain a need-blind admissions policy; to make this work it must be accompanied by full-need financial aid, so as to ensure the College is affordable to all those who are admitted. More than \$700 million has been raised for financial aid University-wide as part of the Columbia Campaign, including a \$400 million pledge in 2007 from John W. Kluge '37, the largest donation ever for financial aid. Part of the Kluge gift is being used to create matching programs that have spurred dozens of others to give for financial aid.

In addition, roughly half of the money donated to the Columbia College Annual Fund is used to support financial aid.

Since the start of the campaign, the University has created 134 endowed professorships. These prestigious positions honor distinguished teachers and scholars and help the University recruit outstanding faculty, which directly improves the undergraduate educational experience.

Facilities have long been a challenge for Columbia, which has the fewest square feet per student of any Ivy. The opening of the interdisciplinary science tower on the northwest corner of the Morningside campus will significantly upgrade teaching and laboratory space in the sciences. In addition, when new buildings are completed on the Manhattanville campus for the School of the Arts, the Business School and the Law School, it should free up additional space for undergraduate education on the Morningside campus.

For more on the Columbia Campaign expansion, go to <http://momentum.columbia.edu>.

Bollinger's Term Extended Five Years

By ALEX SACHARE '11

Lee C. Bollinger has agreed to continue as president of the University at least through 2015, the Board of Trustees announced. The five-year extension comes at a time when the University has reached several important milestones, completing the core Morningside Heights campus with the opening of the interdisciplinary Northwest Corner Building at Broadway and 120th Street and beginning to lay the foundation of a new campus in Manhattanville.

In a statement on behalf of the Board of Trustees, chair William V. Campbell '62, '64 TC said, "Across this large and diverse university, we see a place where talented students want to study, accomplished faculty want to teach and do research, world leaders want to speak and skilled professionals want to work. Lee has recruited and empowered a remarkable array of academic deans and executive talent who are driving both intellectual excellence and solid institutional management.

"Under his stewardship, we have not only maintained our fiscal stability during a period of great economic turbulence, we have achieved a level of scholarship and creativity across the institution that — despite far less space and far fewer dollars than our best-endowed peers — has again made Columbia one of the most exciting places in all of higher education."

In a statement, Bollinger said, "Every day I am privileged to witness the extraordinary accomplishments of our faculty, students, alumni and staff. It is a unique community, situated in an extraordinary city, and committed simultaneously to open-minded reflection, spirited debate and constructive action. Columbia has come a long way. But its potential for the future is even greater, and I am extremely happy to be able to contribute to the realization of that potential."

In an interview with *Spectator*, Bollinger reflected on Columbia's move from midtown to Morningside Heights and said, "I look back to 1895. Seth Low had a little ceremony to put the cornerstone down for Low Library. That was the beginning of a 17-acre expansion for the University. One hundred fifteen years later, we are about to open the last building that began with the cornerstone."

At the same time, shovels are breaking ground in Manhattanville, a project

Bollinger introduced in 2003 and steered through the extensive city and state approval processes during the next six years. Now, site preparation is underway for the Jerome L. Greene Science Center, the future home of the University's interdisciplinary Mind, Brain and Behavior Initiative. In March 2006, Dawn M. Greene and the Jerome L. Greene '26, '28L Foundation announced a \$250 million gift to help underwrite the first, major new building in Manhattanville. Earlier this fall Henry R. Kravis '69 Business pledged \$100 million for a new home for the Business School on the Manhattanville campus. "My view has always been that big gifts follow big ideas, or big gifts are attracted to big ideas," Bollinger told *Spectator*.

Bollinger came to Columbia in 2002 after successfully leading the public defense of the University of Michigan's affirmative action programs, which were the subject of twin U.S. Supreme Court cases that upheld and clarified the importance of diversity in higher education. His tenure at Columbia has not been without controversy, perhaps most notably his defense of the School of

International and Public Affairs' invitation to President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad and his tough introduction of the Iranian leader in 2007, as part of the World Leaders Forum, one of Bollinger's initiatives to raise Columbia's status as a center for discussion of global challenges. As part of this effort, Bollinger also launched the Committee on Global Thought, several Columbia Global Centers in different locations around the world and new academic partnerships with institutions abroad. On campus, he created the Columbia Arts Initiative to enhance the arts as a part of student life and the University experience and recruited a diversity of dynamic new deans at schools across campus. Bollinger's administration has steered the University through the economic recession with greater stability than many peer institutions and led a record \$4 billion fundraising campaign that is being expanded after reaching its goal a year ahead of schedule.

In his statement, Campbell concluded that the trustees "have every reason to maintain the continuity of Lee's principal leadership."

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Peer-to-Peer Solicitations Get Under Way



Dean Michele Moody-Adams (left) took questions from Julie Menin '89 about the state of the College.

More than 100 alumni and parent Class Agents and prospective volunteers turned out to share best practices in fundraising, hear from College leaders and receive their initial solicitation assignments for the Fiscal Year 2011 at the eighth annual Columbia College Fund Leadership Conference, held in Low Rotunda and Hamilton Hall on November 6.

Following opening remarks by Francis Phillip '90 and Dan Tamkin '81, co-chairs of the Class Agent Program, and a report on the Columbia College Annual Fund from co-chairs Michael Behringer '89 and Ira Malin '75, Dean Michele Moody-

Adams was interviewed by Julie Menin '89 about the state of the College. Attendees then headed to Hamilton Hall classrooms for breakout sessions on specific fundraising topics, such as reunion giving and how to "make the ask." The program concluded with a presentation on admissions by Dean of Undergraduate Admissions Jessica Marinaccio, who also led a discussion with Mary Martha Douglas '11 and Colin Sullivan '11.

Class Agents are volunteers who drive the growth of the Annual Fund through peer-to-peer solicitations and work closely with fund officers in the Alumni

Office. Despite the economic downturn, the Annual Fund has enjoyed steady growth, rising by more than 54 percent during the past six years and achieving a record \$15.1 million in unrestricted gifts in FY'10.

The co-chairs report that the Annual Fund is off to a record start toward its goal of \$14.5 million for FY'11. "As of November 1," says Malin, "the College has received more than \$5 million in donations and pledges, due largely to efforts to reach out to leading donors earlier in the year." Behringer emphasized the important role that Annual Fund donations play, saying, "Unrestricted gifts provide the College with immediately available financial sup-



Michael Behringer '89 (left) and Stephen Jacobs '75 led a discussion on reunion giving. PHOTOS: TINA GAO '10 BARNARD

port that is used for financial aid, student services, internships and enhancements of the Core Curriculum. It is a critical component of ensuring that Columbia is able to maintain its need-blind admissions policy and financial aid reforms that include the elimination of student loans."

For more information, go to college.columbia.edu/alumni/fund or contact Susan Birnbaum, executive director: slb2005@columbia.edu or 212-851-7947.



Noted actor Brian Dennehy '60 (second from left) makes a point during a panel discussion, "Unlocking Creativity," on October 15 in the Allen Room of Frederick P. Rose Hall, home of Jazz at Lincoln Center in Midtown NYC. The panel was part of the sixth annual Columbia Alumni Association Leaders Assembly. Pictured left to right are President Lee C. Bollinger, who moderated the panel; Dennehy; Asali Solomon '95 Barnard, author; Tom Kitt '96, composer and musician; and Kiran Desai '99 Arts, author. The next night, Kyra Tirana Barry '87 and Gedale Horowitz '53, '55L were among those honored at the Alumni Medalists Gala in Low Rotunda.

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Professor of History and American Studies Casey Blake presented the first James P. Shenton ['49, '54 GSAS] Award for Community Service to James Kusher '11 GS (left) at a celebration in Casa Italiana on October 25 to mark the opening of the Center for American Studies. Shenton, a beloved faculty member who taught at Columbia for more than 50 years prior to his 2003 death, "is very much the guiding spirit of our center," according to Andrew Delbanco, the Julian Clarence Levi Professor in the Humanities and director of the center, located in 319-321 Hamilton Hall. Delbanco described Kusher as "a wonderful young man () who organized creative writing classes for students at the Double Discovery Center as well as public readings of their works." American Studies provides a curriculum that emphasizes service to the community, including a seminar on higher education taught by Delbanco and former Dean of Students Roger Lehecka '67, '74 GSAS in which all enrolled students volunteer at DDC.

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Carnoy Appointed University Trustee

Lisa Landau Carnoy '89 has been appointed a University trustee, effective September 7, 2010.

Long involved in College alumni affairs and generous with her time and resources, Carnoy served on the Columbia College Board of Visitors for multiple terms, most recently as co-chair, and now is an emeriti member. She was a member of the Columbia College Dean Search Committee that led to the selection of Dean Michele Moody-Adams in 2009 and is a member of the Columbia Cam-



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paign for Athletics Leadership Committee and the Dean's Alumnae Leadership Task Force. She also is a co-founder of the Women's Leadership Council for Athletics. For several years, Carnoy was a board member of the Columbia College Alumni Association. She was presented the Alumni Federation Medal in 2000 and a John Jay Award for

distinguished professional achievement in 2007.

Carnoy is co-head of Global Capital Markets for Bank of America Merrill

Lynch. GCM spans Equity Capital Markets (ECM), Debt Capital Markets, Leveraged Finance and Origination of Corporate Derivatives, with a team of 700 in 16 countries. Carnoy also focuses on clients in the financial institutions, insurance and healthcare sectors as well as key financial sponsor relationships. During her 15-year tenure in ECM, Carnoy worked on more than 400 bookrun equity deals including 75 IPOs. She is a member of the Capital Commitment Committees for Bank of America and chairs the Columbia B.A. and M.B.A. recruiting teams.

Carnoy earned a B.A. cum laude in American studies and an M.B.A. from Harvard (1994). She lives on the Upper West Side with her husband, David '92 Arts, a journalist, and their four children.

Belnap, McKeown, Harriss Honored

Robert Belnap, the Professor Emeritus of Slavic Languages at the College and director of the University Seminars, and Kathleen McKeown, the Henry and Gertrude Rothschild Professor of Computer Science at the Engineering School, received the 2010 Great Teachers Award at the annual Society of Columbia Graduates Awards Dinner in Low



Rotunda on October 21. Pictured (from left) are SEAS Dean Feniosky Peña-Mora, McKeown, Belnap and Dean of the College Michele Moody-Adams.

The Society also honored the late C. Lowell Harriss '40 GSAS, long-time professor of economics, who died in December 2009 at 97. His son, L. Gordon Harriss '68, '71L (left), accepted the award.

PHOTOS: COLIN SULLIVAN '11



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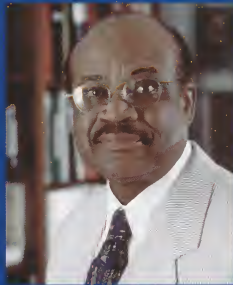
Kenneth Forde, M.D., a pioneer in the field of colon cancer, has educated and inspired generations of Columbia doctors.

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STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Umar Agha '11 Raises Funds for Flood Victims

By NATHALIE ALONSO '08

When Umar Agha '11 received permission from the Sarhad Rural Support Programme (srsp.org.pk), an NGO in his native Pakistan, to shadow its staff for a summer, the nonprofit essentially did him a favor by affording him exposure to the realm of sustainable development. After an unexpected turn of events, however, it is now SRSP that hails Agha as a "godsend."

Last August, roughly two weeks into Agha's internship, monsoons triggered floods that left one-fifth of Pakistan underwater. According to various

reports, more than 20 million people were affected.

Before the flooding, Agha had accompanied SRSP personnel to remote areas of the rural Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa province (formerly the North West Frontier Province), the NGO's target region, in which it seeks to combat poverty. The realization that several of the villages he had visited were submerged prompted Agha to create a Facebook page to raise funds for the victims.

"There was an emotional and personal connection, having seen those areas just recently," says Agha. "It moved me into action."

Within a couple of weeks, Agha's Facebook "event" had approximately 1,000 virtual attendees. He also contacted potential donors individually. Monetary donations started pouring in, and his front lawn in the city of Lahore was soon overflowing with staple items such as rice, cooking oil and tea. Agha raised approximately \$200,000 USD in monetary and in-kind donations. Though operating under the auspices of SRSP, Agha worked independently and was pleasantly surprised by the generosity of strangers.

"Everyone was so trusting during that time of crisis. I was being handed cash by people I didn't know," says Agha, who was instructed by SRSP to purchase relief goods with the funds.

"I invited everyone who gave to come help pack the trucks and to make the trip and oversee the distribution," he adds. "It let people know it was a transparent operation, and made people comfortable giving."

In addition to his fundraising efforts, Agha coordinated

volunteers who spent many hours at his house assembling packages containing food and supplies to sustain families of six for two weeks. While Agha enlisted the help of friends and relatives, many of the volunteers were strangers who had come across the Facebook page.

"Initially I thought we weren't going to have enough people," says Agha. "Ultimately, I had to tell some people they could not come because we had too many."

A friend of Agha's father provided trucks to transport the supplies to SRSP's warehouse in the city of Peshawar. Agha, who loaded the trucks himself, says the donations he secured yielded more than 3,000 relief packages. He made a couple of trips with SRSP to help deliver supplies but concentrated his efforts on the donation drive at home.

"Umar was a godsend for SRSP," says Humayun Khan, its chairperson. "I think it was the timing of his visit that left such an intense impact on him, that made him one of the largest contributors of help to the unfortunate flood-affected people of KPK."

It was precisely with an eye on eventually helping communities like those in the Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa province that made Agha decide to major in environmental science and complete the special concentration in sustainable development offered by the Earth Institute. His introduction to those fields took place as a first-year through the course "Challenges of Sustainable Development" with Jeffrey Sachs, the Quetelet Professor of Sustainable Development, professor of health policy and management and director of the Earth Institute.

The course dealt with economic and environmental challenges developing countries often face.

"It got me thinking about

these serious problems," says Agha. "I wanted to be part of the solution, and this seemed like the way to go."

Another course, "Environmental Literature, Ethics & Action," taught by Barnard Senior Associate in Environmental Science Diane Dittrick, motivated Agha to become involved with SRSP.

"In that class we learned about being responsible citizens," Agha says. "The leadership aspect was a big part of it. We each had to do a research project; I wrote mine on water scarcity issues in Pakistan. All of that really got me interested in working in the field."

Growing up in Lahore, Pakistan's second largest city, Agha attended the pre-K-12 Lahore American School. He began learning English as a preschooler and spoke Urdu at home. Location was the key factor in his decision to attend the College.

"I loved the fact that it was in such a great city," says Agha. "The access that New York offers was pretty much what sold me."

Agha has considered returning to Pakistan after graduation to work for SRSP before returning to the States to pursue graduate studies. Regardless of what his next move turns out to be, he carries with him powerful lessons he learned in his first foray into relief efforts.

"I realized the power that a grassroots movement can have with no formal experience, with no huge charity backing it," says Agha. "There was none of that — just a kid in school who created a Facebook event."

Nathalie Alonso '08, from Queens, is a freelance journalist and an editorial producer of *LasMayores.com*, Major League Baseball's official Spanish language website.



Umar Agha '11, shown here hanging from the ledge of a wall in order to distribute water filters, raised \$200,000 USD for flood victims in Pakistan.

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ALUMNI IN THE NEWS

■ **Joel Klein '67** has stepped down from his position leading the country's largest school system as chancellor of the New York City Department of Education. Klein has been appointed e.v.p. of News Corp., joining its board of directors and reporting directly to Rupert Murdoch. In the past eight years, Klein's innovative reforms have transformed New York's 1,700 schools and boosted the performance of its 1.1 million students, reducing crime and raising graduation rates. In an interview with *The New York Times*, Klein says he looks forward to working in the private sector, where he will not be clashing with unions and balancing a \$22 billion budget. But he will continue to speak out on educational issues and, according to the company, his work includes "developing business strategies for the emerging educational marketplace."

■ **Mike Brown Jr. '06** made the *Business Insider* list of top 100 "Coolest Tech People in 2010." Brown co-founded and manages AOL Ventures, the branch of the company that seeks out and invests in fledgling Internet startups. Some of the companies Brown has supported include Betaworks, Solve Media and Sailthru. According to the article, Brown is an "overnight fixture in the New York

tech community," hosting events that promote AOL as a friend to startups and their founders.

■ **Jonathan Wald '87** has been named executive producer of the CNN talk show *Piers Morgan Tonight*, which is replacing *Larry King Live* in January. As v.p. of CNBC during the economic freefall, Wald's focus on business coverage helped bring all-time high ratings and revenue to the network. CNN hopes to bolster its sagging ratings with his appointment. A recipient of three Emmy Awards, Wald began working for NBC while a freshman at Columbia. He is a former producer of *Today* and *NBC Nightly News with Tom Brokaw*, is the son of TV news pioneer Richard Wald '52 and teaches at the Journalism School.

■ PBS will broadcast Vanessa Gould '96's *Between the Folds*, a documentary about origami and its most celebrated practitioners, in January as part of its *Independent Lens* series. The film, which earned a Peabody Award and numerous jury and audience awards, was Gould's first and has played at more than 40 film festivals around the world. Gould, who directed and co-produced the film with Ariel Friedman '96, credits the Core Curriculum with inspiring

her to explore this ancient and yet still flourishing art form.

■ **Sam Arora '03** has been elected delegate to the Maryland General Assembly. Arora has been an aide on three campaigns for former Senator Hillary Clinton, served on the Democratic National Committee and advised several nonprofits. He is also v.p. of the Arora Group, which provides healthcare to the military and their families. As quoted in *The Washington Post*, Arora says his most pressing issues include reining in the state budget, cutting subsidies for the coal mining industry, and promoting green jobs and renewable energy. Each year, Arora guest-teaches a class at Columbia on presidential campaigning.

■ **Jamal Adams '94** has received the Calahan Award from Loyola H.S. of Los Angeles, where he is the head varsity basketball coach and teaches economics and African-American studies. After 11 years at Merrill Lynch, where he rose to the position of v.p. and senior financial adviser, Adams decided to return to his alma mater. His coaching helped Loyola



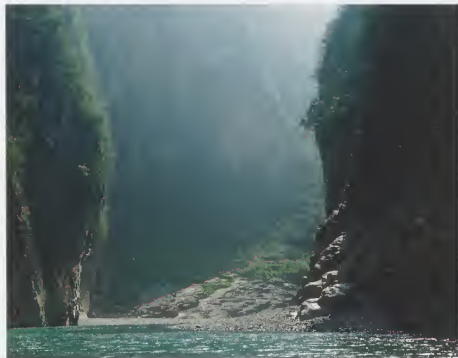
Jamal Adams '94
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win 12 league titles and two California Interscholastic Federation Southern Section Titles. In 2009, he was named Co-Coach of the Year for the CIF Southern Section Division 2A and won the National Double Goal Coaching Award. Adams studied economics at Columbia, where he cofounded a community service club, the Columbia Student-Athlete Committee.

■ **Maggie Gyllenhaal '99** is back on stage in another melancholy Chekhov play, the turn-of-the-century masterpiece *Three Sisters*. Gyllenhaal plays the rebellious and unhappily-married middle child, Masha, who falls in love with a lieutenant colonel (played by her real-life husband, Peter Sarsgaard) and starts an affair with him, only to watch his battery leave in a classic Chekhovian dénouement. The Off-Broadway play opens in January at the Classic Stage Company. The director, Austin Pendleton, also directed Chekhov's *Uncle Vanya*, in which Gyllenhaal played another unhappily-married character, the retired professor's young wife, Elena.

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CAMPUS NEWS



Avis Hinkson '84 Barnard, '87 TC

■ **BARNARD:** Avis Hinkson '84 Barnard, '87 TC will become the new dean of Barnard College, effective February 14. Hinkson will replace Dorothy Denburg '70 Barnard, who will take on a new role as v.p. for college relations at Barnard.

Hinkson will oversee the Offices of the Dean of Studies, Admissions and Financial Aid, Registrar, Residential Life, Student Life, and Health Services. For the past six years, she has been director of undergraduate advising at UC Berkeley. In addition to her years at Berkeley, Hinkson brings more

than 20 years of experience in enrollment management, which she began during her work-study job at Barnard's Admissions Office.

In Barnard's October 26 announcement of her appointment, Hinkson describes her return to her alma mater as "a dream come true." She says she looks forward to the chance to "develop women leaders and change agents who will enhance our global community."

■ **MARSHALL:** Anna Feuer '11, an English major from Los Angeles, has won a Marshall Scholarship and next fall will attend Oxford, where she will pursue first a master's in global and imperial history and then a master's in English literature. Her area of specialization will be in the interactions between Irish and Indian writers during the early part of the 20th century.

While at Columbia, Feuer has taken a variety of classes in the humanities as well as pursued language studies in Hindi and Urdu. During her junior year, she spent a semester studying in Hyderabad, India. Feuer's senior essay explores the political, philosophical and aesthetic dimensions of the rela-

tionship between W.B. Yeats and Rabindranath Tagore.

Outside the classroom, Feuer has been an editorial intern at W.W. Norton, *n+1* and *L.A. Weekly*. She also has worked at PEN USA—a nonprofit that strives to protect the rights of writers around the world, stimulate interest in the written word and foster a vital literary community—and recently started a chapter of PEN at Columbia.



President Lee C. Bollinger is flanked by Special Adviser Susan Feagin and E.V.P. for University Development and Alumni Relations Fred Van Sickle.

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■ **FULBRIGHTS:** Columbia ranked among the top 10 producers of Fulbright Scholars in the country in 2010–11, according to the *Chronicle of Higher Education*. "Given the small size of our office and undergraduate population compared with many of the other universities named, we are especially pleased to be included in this list," said Michael Pippenger, the associate dean who heads the fellowship program. Michigan topped the list with 40 awards; Columbia was tied with Cornell for 10th with 18.

■ **LIBRARIES:** The Columbia University Libraries have received a gift of \$4 million to establish the Norman E. Alexander '34, '36LJ Library for Jewish Studies, which will include three new endowments: a Jewish Studies librarian, the General Jewish Studies Collection and the Special Collections in Judaica.

Columbia's existing research collection already is formidable. With more than 100,000 monographs and 60,000 Hebrew and Yiddish titles, it boasts the second largest manuscript collection of Hebrew texts in North America. Funds from this endowment initially are being used to focus on a project to catalog the manuscripts collection.

At the time of his death in 2006, Alexander was the executive chair-

man of Sequa Corp., which he had led for almost half a century. He was a board and committee member of several Jewish organizations and on the board of Columbia/Barnard Hillel. Alexander established the Alexander Program Center on the third floor of the Kraft Center for Jewish Student Life and was presented a John Jay Award for distinguished professional achievement in 1985 from the College.

■ **VAN SICKLE:** After more than eight years as the head of University development and alumni relations, Susan Feagin will explore new challenges as a special adviser to President Lee C. Bollinger beginning in January; it was announced on October 19. Succeeding her as e.v.p. for University development and alumni relations will be Fred Van Sickle, who had been v.p. for University development. In remarks to alumni affairs and development staffers, Van Sickle discussed the value of continuity and pledged to perpetuate an atmosphere of mutual respect, high standards and innovation.

■ **WKCR AT 70:** WKCR will celebrate its 70th anniversary with a reunion on Thursday, February 24, at Alfred Lerner Hall. Cocktails are planned for 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 7 p.m. Station tours are planned for the following Friday and Saturday.

The WKCR staff has been gathering oral histories from alumni through its website (wkcrproject.com) and interviewing former staff for an upcoming book about the station's history. Founded as the Columbia University Radio Club in 1941, the first studios operated in the Hamilton Annex starting on February 24, 1941. The station was awarded the Pulitzer Prize for its coverage of the Columbia protests

IN MEMORIAM

Louis Henkin, a foundational scholar of human rights, University Professor Emeritus and chair of the Institute for the Study of Human Rights at Columbia, died on October 14, 2010. He was 92 and lived in New York City.

Henkin was born in Belarus in 1917, and his family immigrated to the United States when he was 6. He attended Yeshiva College, majoring in mathematics, and studied at Harvard Law, where he was an editor of the *Harvard Law Review* and received his degree in 1940. After working as a clerk in the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, Henkin served in the Army in WWII and was awarded a Silver Star. He worked in the United Nations from 1948–56, helping to negotiate a convention defining international protocols concerning refugees.

Henkin joined the Columbia faculty in 1956, researching American law pertaining to

nuclear weapons, and wrote several books in the following years concerning domestic and international law. He taught at Penn starting in 1958 and returned permanently to Columbia in 1962. Henkin was the Harlan Fiske Stone Professor of Constitutional Law and was named University Professor, Columbia's most distinguished faculty position, in 1981. His classes focused on human rights, American foreign relations, and constitutional and international law. The interdisciplinary range of Henkin's work led him to teach simultaneously at SIPA, GSAS and the Law School.

A co-founder of the Center (now Institute) for the Study of Human Rights in 1978, the first interdisciplinary center of its kind in the United States, Henkin was its chair until his death.

He is survived by his wife, Alice; sons, Joshua, David and Daniel; and five grandchildren.

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in spring 1968 and now is known as a top broadcaster of jazz and classical.

For more information about the reunion, contact Ken Howitt '76: keh32@columbia.edu.

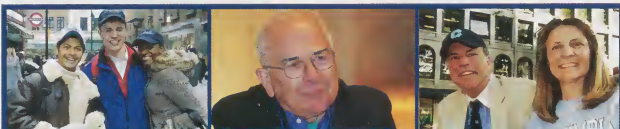
■ **AMGEN:** The Amgen Foundation has moved into Phase II of its Amgen Scholars program, a \$34 million initiative designed to give the next generation of scientists hands-on laboratory experiences. Undergraduates participating in the program are given the opportunity to work on research projects under the supervision of leading scientists. Each summer, scholars from the 13 participating U.S. and European universities come together at a symposium to present their projects and learn from academic scientists.

Phase I funded summer research projects for more than 100 Columbia and Barnard students from 2007–10. Phase II grants Columbia another \$1 million to be used in 2011–14. Phase II also will help Amgen Scholars alumni enrolled in graduate programs with travel awards to attend science conferences.

The foundation expects that by 2014, the majority of the 2,500 students accepted into the program will use their experiences to pursue advanced degrees and careers in a scientific field.

The Amgen Scholars program began in 2006 with 10 U.S. universities and by 2008 expanded to include three European universities. The program drew more than 5,200 applicants in 2010 but could accept only 315 students.

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SAVE THE DATE THURSDAY, JUNE 2–SUNDAY, JUNE 5, 2011

Terry Plank '93 GSAS is a professor of earth science at the College and Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory. Her research focuses on the study of magma and volcanic eruptions, particularly in and around the Pacific Ocean. She earned a B.A. from Dartmouth College and a Ph.D. from Columbia. Plank has received the Houtermans Medal from the European Association of Geochemistry and the Donath Medal from the Geological Society of America, and is a fellow of the American Geophysical Union.

Where did you grow up?

Wilmington, Del. It turns out I know all sorts of people professionally from Delaware because everybody worked for the DuPont Corp., so everybody's parents were chemists and became scientists. There are actually three of us on the earth science faculty from Delaware.

What did you want to be growing up?

I wanted to be a geologist. I'm one of the few people entering college who knew she wanted to be a geologist. I was a rock collector as a kid. We lived in a rock quarry. It was spectacular, big cliffs, pretty gamets and micas. I was a product of my environment. I studied rocks and was active through elementary school, middle school and high school.

How does one become involved in geology as a child?

I had to have a hobby in third grade, so my mom told me to go outside and collect rocks. She took me to the Delaware Mineralogical Society. I was the youngest member. I would go once a month and nerd out about minerals.

How did you end up working at Columbia?

I went to graduate school here and never expected to come

back, but I was at Boston University and Columbia recruited me for a senior position.

What are you teaching this semester?

I'm teaching three lectures in "Frontiers of Science" on the birth of the earth and volcanoes.

This is your third year teaching in the Core. Can you talk

about your experience so far?

I think it's by far the best course I've ever been involved in. Every lecture is a winner. It's just exciting lectures, and the discussion sections are incredibly well organized. But it is a very different way to take a science course. I think freshmen in particular aren't used to a course about the process and not just being about answers and facts, but I think this is very real, this is how we do science and research.

What are you working on?

I study volcanoes, and I'm interested in how much gas they have in them before they erupt, how much water is dissolved in magma before it erupts. It's like trying to find out how much CO₂ is in seltzer before you take the cap off and it goes *psit*, because once it goes *psit*, the gas is all gone. How do you know how much used to be in there? That's the challenge. You can't stuff all that back in, so you have to develop proxies and tools. You look for little crystals inside the ash that have traces of magma, and you examine them with various probes. We think that volcanoes that have more gas are the ones that erupted more violently, but this hasn't been really tested because we don't have data. I focus mostly on volcanoes around the Pacific, the ones that are most explosive, in Alaska, the Aleutians, Marianas, Costa Rica, the

Tonga Islands and in the western U.S.

What on your resume are you most proud of?

The papers that I've written that involve true discovery. That's what propels us to do science, to discover beautiful systematics and data that nobody had recognized before.

Where do you live?

Near Lamont in Nyack, N.Y.

Do you have any children?

I have a 9-year-old son, Sam, who goes to school in Upper Nyack. He helped me run the Lamont open house recently. We made three volcano models. He gave a lecture on shield volcanoes and effusive eruptions. He's already an expert.

Do you have any pets?

My son has a lizard, Leo, who eats crickets. He's very small and indestructible.

What's something your students would never guess about you?

I still get nervous giving talks and sometimes even lecturing. I actually have to write out a lot of what I have to say.

How do you recharge?

I go out in the field and travel, just to get away. I was in Greece for a meeting a couple weeks ago. It was amazing.

What's your favorite food?

Eighty-five percent chocolate.

What's the last book you read for pleasure?

I'm reading Jonathan Franzen's *Freedom: A Novel*.

If you could be anywhere in the world, where would you be?

I always wanted to go to the South Sandwich Islands. They're these tiny remote islands between South America and Antarctica. There are penguins and icebergs and

volcanoes that have really only been sampled once.

How is damage done in devastating eruptions?

It's mostly the effects on the atmosphere that could last for a year or more, putting sulfur into the atmosphere, which can cause global cooling, and if it's cold enough, plants might not come back. The

local damage could also destroy all living things within hundreds of miles.

Will a volcano cause the end of the world?

Not the end of the world. Volcanoes are a natural part of the world, so it will be just fine. If Yellowstone had its enormous super eruption tomorrow, it would challenge civilization in North America. People would die. Agriculture would collapse. But it's a once-in-several-hundred-thousand-year occurrence.

When was the last time this happened?

Six-hundred-thousand years ago at Yellowstone. It still could be a few hundred thousand years. The last eruption of that size was 26,000 years ago in New Zealand, before there were advanced civilizations, so we've never really experienced this.

Interview and photo:
Ethan Rouen '04

To watch video of Plank discussing the advantages and challenges of "Frontiers of Science," go to college.columbia.edu/uct.



ROAR, LION, ROAR

■ **ACADEMIC:** Four-year football starter Adam Mehrer '11 was named to the 2010 ESPN Academic All-America second team by the College Sports Information Directors of America. An economics major, Mehrer played free safety for the Lions and made 67 tackles and one interception in 2010.

■ **ALL-IVY:** The following student-athletes achieved All-Ivy recognition in fall sports:

Men: Cross country: first team, Tom Poland '11; football: first team, Jeff Adams '12, Sean Brackett '13, Alex Gross '11, Andrew Kennedy '11 and Calvin Otis '11; second team, Josh Martin '13E; honorable mention, Nico Gutierrez '11 and Adam Mehrer '11. Soccer: second

team and Rookie of the Year, Henning Sauerbier '14; honorable mention, Ronnie Shaban '12E, Michael Mazzullo '12 and David Najem '14.

Women: Cross-country: first team, Caroline McDonough '13 and Jackie Drouin '11. Field hockey: first team, Gabby Kozlowski '13; second team, Julia Garrison '11. Lacrosse: second team, Brittany Shannon '12; honorable mention, Taylor Gattinella '13 and Amanda Goodheart '13. Soccer: first team, Ashlin Yahr '12; second team, Lauran Cooke '11E; honorable mention, Lillian Klein '12 Barnard, Chelsea Ryan '14 and Liz Wicks '12. Volleyball: first team, Megan Gaughn '13; second team, Monique Roberts '12 Barnard; honorable mention, Katherine Keller '14 and Madeline Rumer '14.




Gerald Sherwin '55 (left) and Franklin Thomas '56, '63L get together prior to the Athletics Hall of Fame Dinner in Low Rotunda on October 22. They were among the 19 men, 12 women and one team (1961 football) inducted into the Hall of Fame as the Class of 2010. Thomas was a basketball star at Columbia who went on to become president and CEO of the Ford Foundation and was honored among former male student-athletes from the modern (1955-present) era. Sherwin, an omnipresent alumnus who is known for his devotion to athletics and especially the men's basketball team, was honored in a special category for individual achievement.

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Now on display in the Columbia Alumni Center's library is *Lion Tracks: Sources of Columbia Athletics Traditions*. Inspired by collector Mark Momjian '83, '86L (above, with Lou Gehrig '23's glove) and his wife, Mel '86 SIPA, the exhibit includes many of their items as well as items on loan from the Athletics Department and the University Archives. Among the memorabilia are football programs, tobacco silks, athletics medals, crew caps, a coach's report listing Oscar Hammerstein II '16 on the 1913 freshman baseball team and a baseball signed by 1991 World Series hero Gene Larkin '84. The display is open to the public Monday–Thursday, 8:30 a.m.–7 p.m.; Friday, 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m.; and Saturday, 10 a.m.–4 p.m.

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Rothfeld Receives Alexander Hamilton Medal

By ALEX SACHARE '71

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Michael B. Rothfeld '69, '71J, '71 SIPA, '71 Business received the 2010 Alexander Hamilton Medal on November 18 at the Alexander Hamilton Award Dinner, an annual black-tie event in Low Rountunda. The medal, the highest honor paid to a member of the College community, is awarded by the Columbia College Alumni Association to an alumnus/a or faculty member for distinguished service to the College and accomplishment in any field of endeavor.

Rothfeld, a 1970-71 International Fellow at SIPA, is a University trustee and a director of the Columbia Alumni Association. He is a former chair of the Columbia College Board of Visitors and also has served on the advisory board of the Journalism School's Knight-Bagehot Program in business and financial journalism.

In a toast, Richard E. Witten '75, vice chair of the University Board of Trustees, noted that Rothfeld and his family had received 10 degrees spanning four generations, making them "likely the single largest tuition-paying family in the University's 256-year history." He praised Rothfeld's service to the College, saying, "Much of the renaissance the College is enjoying now stems from the work Mike has done as chair of the Board of Visitors and an active member of the Board of Trustees. In a room of great Columbians, you are certainly among our very best."

Among those who spoke in Rothfeld's honor were President Lee C. Bollinger, Dean of the College Michele Moody-Adams, Trustees Chair Bill Campbell '62, '64 TC and Trustees Vice Chairs Mark E. Kingdon '71 and Philip Milstein '71. In his remarks, Rothfeld emphasized the central role Columbia has played in his life. "I can honestly say that I can trace all the good things that have happened to me in one way or another to my years at Columbia," he said. "Throughout my life there have been two constants, my family and Columbia, and the two have intersected many times in many wonderful ways."



Michael B. Rothfeld '69, '71J, '71 SIPA, '71 Business (second from right) is joined by (left to right) Columbia College Alumni Association President Geoffrey J. Colvin '74, '77L, '78 Business; President Lee C. Bollinger, and Dean Michele Moody-Adams.



Rothfeld and his wife, Ella M. Foshay '79 GSAS, are flanked by their daughters, Ella '06 and Augusta '08.



The Clefhangers, one of the school's popular a cappella groups, added a musical element to the evening.



Members of the Class of 1969 (left to right) Dr. John Lombardo '73 P&S, Michael Oberman and Dr. Jeff Pines '71 SIPA, '73 P&S turned out to honor Rothfeld.



Among the young alumni enjoying the dinner were (left to right) Charles Pippen '08, James Williams '07, David Ali '07, Donna Desilus '09 and Kelly Gavin '06.



Trustees (left to right) Richard E. Witten '75; Bill Campbell '62, '64 TC; Mark E. Kingdon '71; and Philip Milstein '71 honored their fellow trustee, Rothfeld.



Witten offered a toast to Rothfeld and all the work he has done on behalf of the College.

"I can trace all the good things that have happened to me in one way or another to my years at Columbia."



CCE Internship Programs Bridge the Gap

Students gain experience, learn about the job market and the Columbia network through internships

By ETHAN ROUEN '04J

The moment is so common, there should be a name for it, maybe “the brutal awakening.” It’s that time when students look around their dorm rooms and realize that college will not last forever, that whether they are ready or not, eventually they will be forced out of the comfortable cocoon of academia and take the plunge into the future.

For Rebecca Pryor '09, that brutal awakening came early in her senior year.

“I had no idea what I was going to do,” says Pryor, who majored in music and thought about becoming an audio engineer.

She had reaped the benefits of a liberal arts education, addressing her passions by studying music as well as math, spending a semester in Ghana and traveling through Latin America. While these experiences added to Pryor’s diverse list of interests and experiences, they also made it difficult to settle on just one career path.

Then the Columbia University Center for Career Education

(CCE) offered its assistance, helping Pryor gently nudge herself toward her future. She applied for a spring internship during her senior year as part of the Columbia Communities in Action program, which pairs students with nonprofits and provides a stipend, and started working about 20 hours a week at Community Enterprise Solutions (CES), an international development and social entrepreneurship

The internship allowed Pryor to do most of her work from her dorm room but she met once a week with CES head Greg Van Kirk. Soon she was conducting primary research on new initiatives and investigating potential businesses with which to partner.

Shortly before Pryor’s graduation, CES offered her a full-time job, and she spent 13 months in Guatemala before coming back to New York to be a project manager, doing “everything under the sun” for the organization.

“I was looking for opportunities abroad,” Pryor says. “With the exception of teaching English, which I didn’t want to do, in international development there is no field work you can do without a master’s. I was stuck. I had no idea how I was going to find something until I learned about this internship.”

(Opposite) Rebecca Pryor '09 (left), with Marta Lidia Garcia, reads a newspaper published by Community Enterprise Solutions near CES' Antigua, Guatemala, office. Pryor began her work with non-profit CES as an intern and now is a full-time project manager.



During her internship in Hong Kong last summer, Amy Huang '11 traveled to Beijing, where she sampled the local cuisine, including fried silkworms.

organization that works primarily in Central America.

“I was sort of interested in doing this type of work since I spent time in Latin America,” she says. “I was given a lot of responsibility for an intern and was allowed to do some interesting stuff.”

The Center for Career Education, which has a staff of 33, serves seven schools within the University and assists students at all levels to prepare them for careers. Through coaching, job boards, internships and a variety of other services, CCE works with hundreds of students every year to ensure that they will come out of school with the skills needed to establish them in the career they want.

In recent years, CCE has focused on developing new internship programs that provide College students with unique experiences that not only make them more competitive candidates for jobs but also help them define their career interests through exploring career areas and ultimately, land their dream jobs.

“We work with students before they arrive on campus, through senior year and as alumni,” says Kavita Sharma, dean of career education since 2006. “We help them plan for life after Columbia before they’ve even taken a class.”

The career planning involves career counseling; career education workshops and events; access to job boards, career fairs and networking events; access to Columbia’s vast networks; and doz-



Students want to work in two places — New York and the rest of the world.



Amy Huang '11 takes a break from work to visit the Tian Tan Buddha in Hong Kong.

ens of internships happening everywhere from dorm rooms to the other side of the globe. CCE's internship offerings have grown from three programs in 2007 to 12 today, according to Heather Perceval, director of experiential education and student enterprises.

"As great as the Internet and phone calls are, there's really much to be said for doing work overseas," says Brooks Herman '98, who first proposed funding global internships in 2000 and, along with his wife, Joanna E. Herman '98, has provided the funds for 12 College students to work at non-governmental organizations internationally. "That's where the real value is added, not

just in getting the job done but in the cultural understanding the students acquire."

During the spring semester, College students can get a feel for working in the arts through the Columbia Arts Experience, help a nonprofit through Columbia Communities in Action or work for a company across the country, all without leaving Morningside Heights through the Virtual Internship Program.



Nayla Moisis '11 made the jaunt from London to Oxford, visiting the Hogwarts dining room used in the Harry Potter movies.

In the summer, CCE gives students a chance to travel. The Columbia Experience Overseas (CEO) offers opportunities in London, Hong Kong, Beijing, Shanghai and Singapore, and beginning this summer, Amman. Sharma says CCE is planning to expand to other major international cities and hopes to benefit from the University's own expansion around the globe.

In addition, students can spend a summer in Los Angeles or San Francisco through CU In California, or hone their science skills in the Science Technology Engineering Program.

"Our application numbers show a huge demand for these opportunities," Perceval says. "They've become very competitive, so we'd like to offer more opportunities."

Last year, CCE received 1,500 applications for 60 positions in CEO. While the programs continue to grow at a rapid clip, funding and resources limit the number of opportunities. CCE relies on donations from parents and alumni and also needs them to facilitate connections and logistics on the ground.

Donald Margolis '63, '65 Business, co-chair of the Columbia College Alumni Association's Career Planning Committee, says part of the reason demand is outstripping supply for internships is that many alumni who could provide internships or financial assistance to help cover expenses don't realize how important internships are for students today.

"When I was in college, there wasn't much of a career center, as we were all subject to the draft and went immediately to graduate school," he says. "Today, seniors are more likely to look for jobs immediately upon graduation, and having internship experience is extremely important."

The new norm often requires that students have real-world experience even before they enter the real world, so CCE continues to grow to provide an array of services. For international internship programs, students are provided housing.

To ensure that financial difficulties don't interfere with these opportunities, CCE offers flight assistance for CEO and CU In California to students who demonstrate high financial need.

But it's not just financial support that alumni and parents provide. CCE bears the burden of dealing with visa issues and travel logistics for the summer internships, but it relies on the Columbia network for assistance with finding housing for students and lining up mentors who can offer advice and help students become acclimated to a new locale.

"Students want to work in two places: One is New York and the other is the rest of the world, and they don't appreciate that they are not equally accessible," Sharma says. "With these programs in particular, we can make it appear to be very easy. We have taken the stress away to make these opportunities available, but this is special. This is for you because you're at Columbia."

Martha Turewicz '10 benefited from these efforts during summer 2009 when she interned for Film London. A longtime Anglophile, she always wanted to work in England and began scoping out CCE during her freshman year, two years before



Students abroad have a strong support system. A large dinner with other Columbia interns is the perfect cure for homesickness.

PHOTO: JODIE LIU '12

she was eligible for the CEO program, which is available only to upperclassmen. CCE provided interview preparation and helped Turewicz shape her resume and cover letter before she applied.

After Turewicz landed an internship, she and five fellow Lions shared a suite provided by Columbia that was within walking distance to her job archiving film locations and digitizing them.

Turewicz enjoyed traveling around London with a camera to scout locations but learning the ins and outs of the city wasn't nearly as important as being exposed to the discipline and rigors of office life.

"It was my first time working in an office," she says. "That was really important to me, getting basic office experience and developing those organizational skills."

In addition, she became close with her boss, a connection she continues to rely on. Turewicz's experience helped her land another internship through the Virtual Internship Program, where students perform internships from their dorm rooms or any location where they have Internet access.

While studying abroad in Germany last year, Turewicz interned for Blue Lotus Films in California, keeping in touch through Skype and e-mail. She marketed the company's documentary, *Meditate and Destroy*, doing promotion and building a

website from the ground up.

"I hadn't done a website before," she says. "I did a lot of research, but I also received a lot of direction."

Donors and employers are key ingredients in CCE's internship programs, but the temporary jobs these students have eventually will fade into a few sentences on their resumes. It's the mentors and the Columbia network they develop during these times that create the personal connections that can be most valuable as students turn into the leaders in their chosen fields.

Jaye Fenderson '00, an independent filmmaker who recently completed a documentary about first-generation college students, found that mentoring two students in the CU In California program reinvigorated her connection to the College while also allowing her to reflect on how she ended up where she is.

"As an alumna in L.A., it's easy to get disconnected from my alma mater and not know what's happening on campus," she says. "You feel your undergraduate years are far away. But having a student come to L.A. and talk about her experiences at school ... it helped me re-realize how my education played a role in determining my future."

"My internship taught me how to be professional. It was the real deal."

Columbia sponsors mixers at the start of the summer to acquaint mentors and students with each other. Fenderson says the bond she shared with the students she was assigned made it easy to grab lunch once the introductions were made.

Neither student had a firm idea of what she wanted to do after graduation; one voiced interest in education while the other was leaning toward film. But with 10 years of real-world experience, Fenderson says she felt prepared to offer the advice she wished she had received at their age.

"Telling them that it's OK to admit that you have no idea what you're going to do, that's helpful," she says. "At that age, I felt like I needed to know what I was doing and have a job lined up. It's OK to not have everything figured out. It's good to explore the career avenues that are out there. Even if you make some mistakes, eventually, with the foundation that you have from Columbia and the networking that you do, you'll end up landing in the right place."



One of the benefits of working for a small nonprofit is that Rebecca Pryor '09 gets to do "everything under the sun," including carrying tables on her head from one office to another in Guatemala.

One of the biggest benefits for Fenderson, though, was the feeling of giving back to a community that had helped her. "This is a tangible way I can give back to my alma mater that makes a difference in students' lives," she says.

Fenderson met with her mentees several times to answer questions about careers and allay the inevitable fears that keep undergrads tossing at night. And when one of those students, Esha Gupta '10, took a chance and moved to California after graduation without a job, she took comfort in knowing she could rely on the network she had developed.

"I got so lucky with Jaye," Gupta says. "She was like an older sister to me."

Originally from Oklahoma, Gupta felt a calling to head west and got to taste that temptation during summer 2009 when she interned at Paramount Pictures in worldwide television distribution.

For months, she had been trying to find a summer internship on her own, and she was beginning to panic. That was when she turned to CCE, and the staff there helped her find work in California, even if the job title didn't seem as glamorous as "assistant to the rich and famous."

"The internship sounded boring, but my gut told me to do it," Gupta says. "Whenever you leave all the stuff you know, you realize all these things about yourself and the world that you never think about."

Gupta soon learned that she was working in the department where movies make most of their money. Instead of getting coffee, she was going with her boss to high-level meetings. She also created an employee handbook for new hires that required that she interview the heads of numerous divisions at Paramount, one of the largest production companies in the world.

"It taught me how to be professional," she says. "This was the real deal because I moved across the country for this. This was five days a week, 9 to 6. I needed to be working. I couldn't surf the Internet half the day."

Away from family and friends, Gupta learned how to survive the discomfort of homesickness, forcing herself to go out and socialize after an exhausting day when all she wanted to do was sit on her couch until she fell asleep.

When Gupta moved back to California last summer, she relied on the network she had developed to combat loneliness and the dismal job market. Eventually she scored a job at Google in San Francisco, working in the fast-growing Global Online Advertising division. When she reported for work in early fall, there was no nervousness, no first-day dread, because she done it all before.

"When you're in school, you're pushed on an academic level," Gupta says. "What this internship at Paramount gave me was a chance to immerse myself in the professional world and push myself in that way. It really helped me walk away from Columbia feeling like I got everything out of school that I wanted and should have gotten."

For more information on CCE internships, go to careereducation.columbia.edu/findajob/cce-internship.



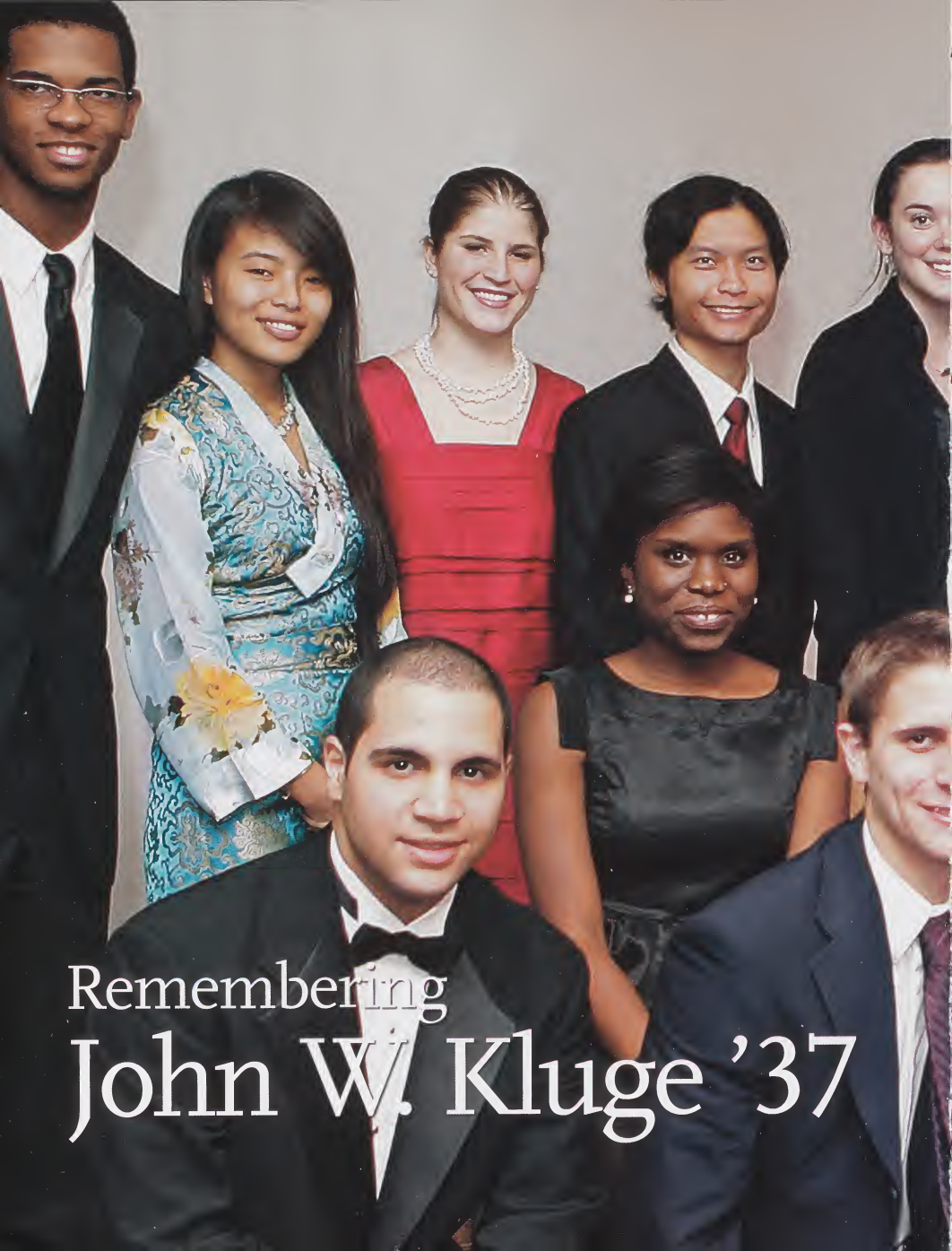
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Internships abroad aren't all work, as a group of students show as they bond over dinner in London.



Laura Ly '12 worked at CNN in Hong Kong last summer and saw the control room up close.



Remembering
John W. Kluge '37



Kluge posed at the 2008 Alexander Hamilton Award Dinner with some who have benefited from his generosity.

PHOTO: CHAR SMULLYAN

REMEMBERING JOHN W. KLUGE '37

John W. Kluge '37 was a successful businessman, pioneering entrepreneur and generous philanthropist — and Columbia's greatest benefactor. His gifts to the University total more than \$500 million and include the largest donation to any school for financial aid, \$400 million.

Kluge's gifts support several programs that benefit students from underrepresented populations. The Kluge Scholars Program, started in 1987, pays full tuition and provides mentoring and special programming. Another program funds summer research grants for minority and international students.

Hundreds of students to date have benefited from the Kluge programs, and his generosity will help hundreds more, creating a lasting legacy for an alumnus who rose from humble beginnings to become one of the world's richest men. Kluge's motivation for giving back was simple: "Columbia gave me an opportunity," he once said, "and the only way you can really repay that opportunity is for you to help someone else."

Following are tributes written by several beneficiaries of Kluge's generosity. Some are adapted from letters written to Kluge on the occasion of his 90th birthday celebration in 2004 and presented to him by the College; others were written after his death at 95 on September 7, 2010 (see November/December "Around the Quads": college.columbia.edu/cct/nov_dec10).

Shira Boss '93, '97, '98 SIPA



President Lee C. Bollinger (left) and New York City Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg joined John W. Kluge '37 at the April 11, 2007, announcement of his \$400 million pledge for financial aid.

PHOTO: EILEEN BARROSO

Jesús Escobar '89

In my second year of graduate school at a rival university in New Jersey, I was asked to give a prospective student a tour of our department, museum and library. The potential colleague was from Texas and, like me, a Mexican-American. During our conversation about faculty, requirements and the history of art and architecture, this student informed me that he had done some research and learned that there were only 10 Latinos enrolled in the top 20 Ph.D. programs in art history in the United States; I was one of them.

Following my meeting with the prospective student, I thought for the first time very seriously about my odd place in the world of higher education. I also reflected on my good fortune to have come into contact with the generosity of John Kluge '37 and his gift to Columbia. In the summer following my junior year, I was one of the inaugural recipients of a Kluge grant that allowed me to undertake a summer research project under the guidance of another very generous man, the late Professor Eugene Santomaso ['73 GSAS]. I had always thought I would teach at some point, but the world of graduate school and years devoted to independent research seemed very daunting. In summer 1988, however, I discovered that my passion for research could be fulfilling as a fundamental part of my career and decided to apply to Ph.D. programs. The Kluge grant allowed me the time and resources to implement this important decision.

My graduate school years were productive and filled with learning opportunities both in the United States and in Spain, where I lived for nearly three years. When the time came to begin my career in the classroom, I suddenly found myself facing not only groups of eager students but also the loans of my college years. I had been in touch with [then-Dean of Students] Roger Lehecka '67, '74 GSAS at Columbia the year before and inquired about the Kluge loan forgiveness program. I learned the drill and, when the time came, submitted my paperwork. Almost like magic, my loan balances started to fall and I was left with a deep sense of appreciation. Having helped once before at a pivotal moment, the Kluge gift now provided me a sense of freedom to begin my career with the burden of debt significantly reduced.

Mr. Kluge's generosity benefits not only Columbia but also the wider community of American academia. Every scholar's research is driven in part by an individual's personal experience of his or her society. As a Mexican-American, I examine the history of early modern Spain, and the Spanish contribution to urban design in Europe and the Americas specifically, differently than a European-trained scholar, let alone a Spaniard working on the same topic. Any scholarly field of inquiry is enriched by multiple points of view, and moreover, students learn new ways of interpretation. If we can reach students in innovative ways, and perhaps even motivate students who come from so-called minority populations in the United States to find a place for themselves in the world of academia, then I believe we are fulfilling the ideal of the Kluge gift to Columbia. Mr.



Jesús Escobar '89

PHOTO: MICHAEL SCHREFFLER

REMEMBERING JOHN W. KLUGE '37

Kluge's gift was inspired, and it continues to be inspiring.

Jesús Escobar '89 is associate professor of art history and chair of the Department of Art History at Northwestern.

Angelica M. Perez-Litwin '89

While my younger years were spent planning and preparing for a professional career and ultimately having a family of my own, at the age of 27 I found myself divorced and caring for my then 11-month-old daughter, India. This came about two months before the beginning of my clinical psychology internship, one of the most demanding and time-consuming training experiences of my career. I was fortunate to find an affordable day care center for India that opened at 7 a.m. so that I could be at North Central Bronx Hospital's psychiatric emergency room by 7:30 a.m. That year, 1995, was perhaps the most challenging year of my life. It was the beginning of a new role for me. Suddenly, I gained a new label, yet another label aside from that of "Latina," "woman," "mother" and "trainee." I became a "single mother." Along with that label came the financial difficulties that are often experienced by single mothers like myself. My salary as an intern barely covered my apartment rental. I was forced to supplement my income with additional graduate student loans in order to afford household and personal expenses.



Angelica M. Perez-Litwin '89
PHOTO: COURTESY ANGELICA M. PEREZ-LITWIN '89

In 1998, I successfully completed my doctoral degree in clinical psychology. That same year, India turned 4 and began pre-kindergarten at Fieldston Lower School, a well-respected independent school in New York City. While I felt very fortunate to see my child begin her education in a safe, loving and stimulating environment, the realities of my financial situation as a single parent became increasingly evident and difficult. The Kluge loan repayment program, at that time in my life, was a tremendous help and a relief. In 1999, the program paid for the student loan balance I had accumulated as an undergraduate. That kind of support was vital to my livelihood, both as professional and as a mother. The confirmation letter stating that my student loan balance was paid in full is folded and saved in the same box that holds the many special cards, letters and photographs I have received over the years. The letter, as well as the support program, symbolizes the act of giving back, the dedication and commitment to higher education and, most importantly, faith in the next generations, especially ethnic minority generations.

Today [2004], I am an assistant professor of research at the NYU School of Medicine and the director of the Multicultural Aging and Memory Evaluation Program, a clinic whose mission is to promote access to and use of diagnostic services for ethnic minority and underserved populations. My work as a director and researcher gives me great satisfaction in knowing that I, along with many other ethnic minority clinicians and doctors, am making great contributions toward the reduction of health disparities between ethnic

and non-ethnic minorities. Kluge's vision to promote and support higher education for persons like myself has, and will continue to have, tremendous impact on the significant educational disparities in our society. The beauty in believing in others and giving them opportunities is best appreciated in the naturally occurring cycle of passing on what was received, whether it is in the form of dollars, compassion, understanding, support or faith in those in need.

Angelica Perez-Litwin '89 is a clinical psychologist in private practice in New York.

Shelly Eversley '91

I work for love. There was a time when I thought I would grow up and become an attorney — I'd make lots of money, drive a nice car and buy myself a big house with a swimming pool and maybe even a tennis court. Looking back, the material rewards were my motivation to attend law school. I was young and naive and my working-class background had taught me that money matters, that without it I'd be nowhere. And it's true. Money does matter. Without it, I wouldn't be where I am today: I wouldn't have had the freedom to choose love over money. I wouldn't have become a college professor, challenging students to think actively, to imagine that after college, after student loans, after the work-study jobs, after all those dinners of beans and rice, that they could be rich, rich in everything that really matters.

I'm rich. I remember the day when the choice became most clear. In the spring of my junior year I had the opportunity to participate in Chase Manhattan Bank's Summer Internship program. I had also won a place in the National Endowment for the Humanities Younger Scholars program. The Chase internship would pay \$1,800 a week; the NEH stipend was \$2,300 for the summer. The choice seemed obvious: if I worked at the bank I wouldn't have to borrow the money to finish my college career; I could get my own apartment, I could even eat meat again (in college I had become a vegetarian — I pretended I did it for ethical reasons, but it was really because I was broke). But what I really wanted was to take a train up to the archives so I could read the manuscript of my favorite novel, Zora Neale Hurston ['28 Barnard]'s *Their Eyes Were Watching God*. I was afraid that if I didn't work at the bank, my books and I would end up nowhere; I'd end up a literate waitress and beans and rice would become my eternal sustenance. And then I had a conversation with Dean Thurman. He told me that a man named John Kluge '37 had recently donated \$25 million to the College, that he wanted to make it so that students like me could choose love over money, that if I earned a Ph.D. and became a college professor, Mr. Kluge would repay half of my student loans. I'm not kidding when I say this: On that day, I heard the angels sing. I accepted the NEH offer, I spent the summer in the archives and I never looked back.



Shelly Eversley '91
PHOTO: GREG BROOM

REMEMBERING JOHN W. KLUGE '37

My graduation day was a big deal. My mother, my father, my sisters, my aunts, my uncles, my cousins and even their friends had descended on New York City to celebrate an accomplishment we all shared. I had graduated from the Ivy League and I was on my way to graduate school and I was going to become a college professor. At my cousins' house in Queens, everyone who couldn't attend the actual ceremony sat, enraptured, as my father told them that his hero, Dizzy Gillespie, had earned an honorary degree from the University where, on the same day, his daughter had earned the real thing. My mother laughed and cried over the diploma she couldn't read — the Latin text had impressed her so much that it didn't matter that its words were indecipherable. She knew what it meant. On that day, I ate barbeque ribs (yes, ribs!) with my family and we danced all night long.

When I earned my doctorate, I gave it to my mother. It became her honorary degree. On that day, my dissertation director told me that, in the entire history of The Johns Hopkins University, I was the first black person to earn a Ph.D. in English. I was stunned. I knew that the choice I had made was personally difficult (among other things, beans and rice had remained my staple), but I had no idea that at the close of the 20th century, there could be a research university that had never seen the likes of me. And then I thought about it. I had the best teachers in college, and yet even at Columbia University, I had had only one black woman professor, and she was a visiting scholar. I realized that Mr. Kluge had given us the most amazing present. I studied at some of the best universities, defended a dissertation and best of all, there is one more black woman professor in this world. Every day when I enter my classroom, my scholarship, as well as my very presence, makes a difference even for the student who decides that she will attend law school and make lots of money and maybe even buy a big house with a pool and a tennis court. That student can look at me and know that she has the opportunity to choose; I can teach her the things I learned at Columbia, and she will know that, like me, she can work for love. One man's generosity facilitated my choice and I know that without it, we'd be nowhere.

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Phyllis Fletcher '94

The Kluge scholarship letter was the first notice my mother and I received that I had been accepted to Columbia. We were thrilled I had been admitted, and we were grateful for Mr. Kluge's help. My mom and I worked hard and lived modestly in Seattle; we lived paycheck to paycheck. Things were good when I got a little overtime at the grocery store, but not good enough to afford an Ivy League education. With Mr. Kluge's generous help, I was able to go to the school of my dreams and get a top-notch education.

In my junior year, I told my mom I'd been invited to a reception to meet Mr. Kluge. She asked me to pass along a message of thanks to him. Not yet familiar with cocktail hour rules of New York City, I showed up right on time, and was of course the first guest to arrive. When Mr. Kluge came in a few minutes later, we were introduced,



Phyllis Fletcher '94
PHOTO: JOSH KNISELY

and I hoped I could keep him entertained until the other students showed up. I wasn't sure what we would talk about, but what a treat it was! Mr. Kluge was curious about my college life and generous with details about his own. He told me he'd had a hard time at Columbia as a German immigrant in the 1930s. He hadn't fit in socially and his academic performance had been passable. I was surprised to hear such a successful man speak about himself so humbly. He told

me about the circuitous route to his famous media career, which all started when he bought just one radio station. (I seem to recall Atlantic City winnings being part of the story!)

Most of my Columbia friends were on the fast track to careers in law, medicine, business or academia. At 22, I had no idea what I wanted to do. I had a Columbia degree under my belt, which opened more doors for me than I could have imagined. I conducted research for one of my professors at alma mater; I worked in social services at the Urban League. Then, a computer programming class I had taken at Columbia led me to a successful career as a software engineer in Seattle's dot-com boom, which allowed me to get my mom a house of her own.

When the boom was over, I decided to make my career in the medium I love: radio. I started at the bottom, as a fundraising volunteer for a National Public Radio station. That was eight years ago. Now I'm a reporter for that station: KUOW in Seattle. My news director was impressed when he learned I had gone to Columbia; I know my degree helped me get the job. Which leads me to the message my mother had for Mr. Kluge. I did thank him when I met him that night. Mr. Kluge, in his gracious manner, told me to send my mother his thanks for everything she'd done to get me to Columbia.

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Benjamin Todd Jealous '94

I am writing to offer three sets of much-belated thanks for your efforts to extend the diversity of Columbia's undergraduate student body.

Before I specifically thank you, I want to let you know how much of a role model you have been to me. You have made other people's struggles your struggle. Your commitment to social justice and your efforts to provide opportunities for people who might not have access to them has truly been inspiring. To know that there is someone like you has given me the confidence and motivation to make it my life's work to seek for social justice, not just for myself, but for those millions of other people who need to know that there is someone there to help them get the opportunity in this society. You have not only given tangibly to so many of us but you have given us hope and inspiration.

The first thank you is for helping me to demonstrate that there was a place for me in the Columbia College community. As a kid from a small town in northern California, I had limited insight

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into East Coast schools. The letters and view books often looked and sounded the same. (And for reasons both of us would later discover, the financial aid awards often looked remarkably similar as well.) Thus when the acceptance letters and financial aid awards finally came, I quickly found myself in a quandary. However, the honor of being named a John Kluge Scholar let me know that there was a place for me at Columbia. That sense of being truly wanted by an otherwise distant and largely overwhelming institution and city weighed heavily in my deliberations and ultimately led me to make one of the best decisions of my life.

The second statement of appreciation is for a more roundabout, yet ultimately more significant, impact the scholars program had on my life. Thirteen years ago at a Kluge Scholars dinner on campus, famed civil rights lawyer Julius Chambers '64L, who was the honored guest at the dinner, offered me a work-study job at the NAACP-Legal Defense Fund. While there I met my future wife. While I would like to believe that Lia and I would have met regardless of the circumstances, it all ultimately goes back to my being a Kluge Scholar and a deal former Dean [Jack] Greenberg '45, '48L made at the dinner. Needless to say, none of us would have been there without your vision and generosity.

Finally, I would like to express my deep gratitude for your efforts to help save Columbia College's full-need financial aid and need-blind admissions policies. When, as a member of the student council in the early 1990s, I heard that the University was contemplating ending these policies because it ultimately felt it could no longer afford to maintain them, I felt sick and helpless. Assurances that current students would not be affected were of little comfort. All of us

who benefited from — or otherwise appreciated the importance of — these policies understood the impact of such a shift would ultimately be detrimental to the nation as a whole. Many academically but not financially qualified future business, academic and political leaders would not have the benefit of a Columbia education. Other institutions, in those last years of the last recession, might be inspired to follow suit. I have rarely felt so joyful as I did when we heard that with your help, Columbia would keep its doors open to families and communities such as those that had sent me and many of my classmates.

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Benjamin Todd Jealous '94
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Janine de Novais '99
PHOTO: JALEN DE ALBA DE NOVAIS

1991. But Brockton, Mass., wasn't really the Big Apple. I would have to cover much ground quickly to get from there to where my life awaited me. I worked as hard as I could in school and then I asked about "the best school in New York." Then I applied.

Receiving my letter of acceptance was amazing, but it was heart-wrenching as well: I had gotten in but I could not afford to go. My mother became frustrated with what she saw as my

youthful intransigence. I would not consider another school. How could I have come so far and be made to turn back? When the invitation came to visit in April, I jumped on the bus, hoping and praying for a miracle. The rest of the story, I must say, is straight out of a dream. I fell in love with the campus and the friends I made and the clear possibilities before me. I told myself I had to try. I took a deep breath and told Peter Johnson of the Admissions Office, who had invited me to campus, the secret of my particular predicament. Time stood still for what seemed like an eternity but was really barely a couple of minutes. Then Peter said, "Tell your mother you are coming in September."

John Kluge '37's generosity stood behind Peter Johnson's words to me that day. He is the reason Peter and his colleagues have been able to say the same to countless other young people.

I am a single parent, and more than ever I really believe that the dreams of young people move history forward. In an ideal world, we would all know to invest greatly in those dreams lest we stagnate ourselves and fall behind. Unfortunately, fewer and fewer deserving young people who are less affluent, who are youth of color, who are children of recent immigrants or non-traditional in other ways, are being given the chance that I was given. John Kluge '37 embodied the best ideal in American higher learning: that democracy depends on a diverse citizenry being given the opportunity for self-cultivation and intellectual growth.

Having grown up on Columbia's campus, my son, Jalen, now finds himself on Harvard's campus as I pursue a doctorate in education. While he loves it here, he remains a Columbia cub through and through. If we consider the great opportunities before him by virtue of my education, then the true depth and breadth of John Kluge '37's gifts to students is made clear.

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Janine de Novais '99

Everyone has that big dream — you know the one. As a kid growing up in Cape Verde, mine was never too specific compared to those of all my friends. I wanted to be a sociologist, or a filmmaker, or a journalist — mostly a writer of any kind. The only constant was the site of my dreams: New York City. I was thrilled when my mother moved us to the States in

Derek Mitchell '03

As we celebrate Mr. Kluge's life and contributions, it is an immense privilege for us, the students whose lives Mr. Kluge touched and so generously influenced, to honor his memory. Each of us, in our own way, has been impacted by the vision to which he was so deeply committed.

The Kluge program creates an environment in which minority students can learn from each other, provide encouragement and

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explore college life together. It made me feel I was a member of a small, supportive community within the larger context of Columbia University. I felt more integrated into the life of the University because of the interactions it facilitated with fellow students, faculty and staff. The program's regular cultural outings also allowed me to more closely engage with New York City. The Kluge program was always doing everything it could to help me have the richest and most meaningful college experience possible.

The program is the success it is because of the amazing faculty and staff at its helm. As my interests and ambitions evolved, I could always turn to the advisers for guidance, support or just a chat. Mr. Kluge's program could not be in better hands.

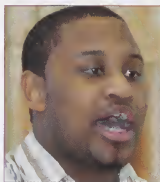
I came to Columbia from San Diego, about 10 miles from the international border. Our family looks a lot like many others in the southeast corner of the city; Mom's family is Mexican and Dad's is Caucasian. Most of my dad's family are still unclear what the Posada, our annual Christmas party, means for Mexicans, but Mom passes out translations of the Spanish songs we sing to help them along. Both my parents began their careers as teachers at public schools near the border. My mom is assistant superintendent of a school district in the barrio; every day she battles the challenges facing low-income communities with a tenacity I can only hope to have inherited. Nineteen years ago, my father became principal of the school I had attended since kindergarten and went on to transform it into one of the most distinguished independent schools on the West Coast. My parents have raised me to value service, sacrifice and spirituality as the principles by which one should live. Life for me is about striving to pursue those values in the work and relationships that I pursue.

My experience at Columbia College provided everything I had hoped for and more to equip me for such a life. I came to college with a desire to study the world's religions, especially those of South Asia. Under Professor Jack Hawley's guidance, I quickly discovered how the urban environment surrounding our university could be a vast opportunity for exploring the world's faiths. By my junior year I resolved to deepen my knowledge of South Asia's religious traditions by studying abroad in India. I'll always remember those six months in Delhi as a turning point in my life. The ideas I encountered, the crushing poverty that surrounded me and the struggles of activists and thinkers I met all told me that India would be at the center of my life's work. Support from the Kluge program allowed me to spend a summer studying Hindi. As I began searching how to avoid doing more harm than good in a country other than my own, Mahatma Gandhi's vision of a nonviolent society powerfully captured my mind and heart. Under the guidance of Professor Dennis Dalton, I turned my deep interest in Gandhi's vision into a successful application for the Fulbright fellowship.

I spent nine months in Delhi learning from one of India's most accomplished and battle-tested Gandhians how we may once again inspire faith in the power of nonviolence. My later travels around the country as a fellow of the Institute of Current World Affairs introduced me to courageous men and women striving through Gandhi's methods to build the institutions of their democracy. I saw that just as Americans once had to fight for an eight-hour work day, minimum wages, and gender and racial equality, so Indians are struggling to

build a more just society. I remain in India to work in solidarity with these struggles. Time and again I have observed how a Columbia education provided me the tools to function with awareness and humility in the world. I remain forever grateful for the opportunities that Mr. Kluge's devotion to our university has made possible.

Derek Mitchell '03 recently completed the Phillips Talbot Fellowship for South Asia of the Institute of Current World Affairs.



Jonathan Walton '08
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Jonathan Walton '08

This poem I wrote for Mr. Kluge's 95th birthday celebration captures the nature of what Mr. Kluge lived for: A life of humility-filled service that consistently invites all to get involved.

What If

Speechless — he spoke volumes
letting his actions speak for him
giving as though what he earned was never his
giving as though giving was the only way to live
giving so that those on the outside could be welcomed in
giving because all had been given unto him.

Suffering from a disease called generosity
a condition called compassion
An influenza that made him altruistic
Kindness, joy, peace — clear symptoms
Something serious, yes but something clearly not contagious

I see him and I ask what if?
What if this city could be so sick of seeing the gap
between the haves and the have-nots
that we lived to close the void
between the Upper East Side and the South Bronx
Brooklyn Heights and Bed-Sty
Stuy-town and the Lower East Side

What if it wasn't a mystery why Jimmy at 66th and 5th got on the
6 to play basketball with Ray every Saturday @ 135th
Or Ye-Jee from Westchester caught the Metro-North to play nieta
to Abuelos y abuela's at a Heights' nursing home
What if it wasn't a mirage to see Winston, a senior at St. John's
eating lunch with Alberto, an ex-con in Central Park.
What if we weren't newsworthy to dive into the subway to save a
life but normal to love our neighbors as much as we love ourselves
so it's expected to lay down your life

What if we walked in the same principles we supposedly stand on.

Intentionally invested in people like we do our portfolios

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Checked up on our children as often as our checkbooks
Chased after our loved ones like we do those on TV that we don't even know.

We love to honor heroes on CNN but why don't more of us want to be like them?

We love to speak like Jesus on Sundays but Mondays don't want to be like Him.

Quote the Koran, memorize the hadith, preach karma and meditation and ideas of the East
but leave mercy, hope, peace, and justice on the mats where our knees used to be

Know the stories of the Torah and Tanach but before the power of these are unleashed
Somewhere they are blocked

But what if the barriers were broken and agape became our focus
A compassion that surpasses races and classes — a grace that saves regardless of birthplace or nation state

A love that says that Staten Island is not too far or yes, I'll take you and pick you up from JFK.

A love that says it's not too late to talk, a love that makes the "just because" phone call.

What type of world would we live in if we opened our hearts and let the world in.

Love for ourselves but also for our families
but not those by blood, all those kin to humanity

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Donna D. Desilus '09

Though the Kluge Scholars Program has supported hundreds of students since its 1987 inception, I have always felt that this was an individual gift made to me. John Werner Kluge '37 made it clear on numerous occasions that he wanted to "invest in minds, not buildings." And so each of his scholars was chosen to represent him and his history — hard-working individuals to whom he wanted to give the same opportunity and resources that he was so freely given by the Columbia community. And yet despite this unrestrained act of generosity, I always have felt compelled to accept his gift not only as an opportunity but also a challenge.

At 8, John arrived in Detroit from his native Germany to a world unlike his own. After struggling with his stepfather over the importance of education, and losing the battle, he left home at 14. He opted to tread the challenging path to college despite how rare it was for a young man of his background at that time. In this respect, I have always felt that Kluge and I were similar. I too am an immigrant to the United States, coming from Haiti at 5, and was

raised in an urban locale. As a teenager, I faced similar challenges while following the path to college, a rarity in my home of Four Corners, Boston. I also long identified with the gratefulness Kluge had for his many supporters, who helped him achieve his goal of getting a good education. Just as he had fondness for Mrs. Gracia Gray DaRatt, who took him in when he left home and encouraged his intellectual abilities, and for Judge Allan Campbell and Allen Crow, who mentored him in his youth, I have extreme gratitude for my mentor, Jacqueline Cooke Rivers, who nurtured me in the same way, and for the hard work and sacrifice of my parents, who left a decent life in another country so that I might have an excellent one here. But most importantly, I identified with the pressure Kluge faced knowing that the cost of Columbia tuition would be far from his reach as well as the determination he needed to persevere even with that knowledge.

Despite the many years that separated our time in Morningside Heights, when Kluge and I arrived at the 116th Street gates, we were given access to many of the same opportunities, financial resources and intellectual giants that our more privileged peers received. We studied the same great books, struggled with the same principles of economics and arrived at the same University commencement, he at the 183rd and I at the 255th. Someone before had made that possible for him and in turn he made that possible for me almost 72 years later.

It is this act that I am most moved by. Though generously supported by the University, John made a gift to Columbia in return that is incomparable to what he was given. John's financial aid gift to the University is unprecedented. It is an act of true leadership. Equipped with a Columbia degree in economics, he left Morningside Heights to become a broadcasting entrepreneur and amass a fortune. But instead of giving it away to build buildings, bridges and parks, all emblazoned with his name and building his public prominence, John instead chose to etch his name in the hearts and minds of the thousands of students who will carry his legacy.

John Kluge joins my parents, my "aunt" Jackie and a few non-profit leaders and historical figures in the group of heroes I hope to someday model. All of these were people given maybe a little or maybe a lot, and who exercised leadership beyond what was wise for them to give an opportunity to those who needed more than they needed. John's legacy is one of responsibility to those who are less fortunate than you are, of giving to ensure that others have access to the resources you were given and of a personal leadership that shows commitment to bettering the human condition. This type of leadership to me represents not just a model for all of those who hold comparable positions to Kluge as giants in their fields but also as a challenge to all those who follow him and will carry his torch. Kluge once said that "in the sands of time individuals make very little difference." Despite this fact however, he kept the mantra of "what little difference you can make, you should try to make."

I and the sea of other Kluge Scholars, students who continue his legacy, accept that challenge.

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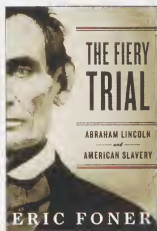
"I Am Naturally Anti-Slavery"

Young Abraham Lincoln and Slavery

Historian **Eric Foner '63, '69 GSAS** is the DeWitt Clinton Professor of History at Columbia, where he did his Ph.D. under the supervision of Richard Hofstadter '42 GSAS. Foner has been president of The Organization of American Historians, the American Historical Association and The Society of American Historians. His 1988 study *Reconstruction: America's Unfinished Revolution, 1863–1877* won the Bancroft, Parkman and Los Angeles Times Book prizes, among others.



Eric Foner '63, '69 GSAS
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In his latest book, *THE FIERY TRIAL: Abraham Lincoln and American Slavery*, Foner takes a measured look at Lincoln and his changing views on slavery. He shows the Great Emancipator as a work in progress — from his earliest childhood in states steeped in racism, to his career as a moderate Whig politician, to the final challenge of the Civil War presidency. "Foner argues that Lincoln's 'greatness' rests in his 'capacity for growth,' not in the consistency many have wished to see in him," writes one reviewer in the *San Francisco Chronicle*.

In the following excerpt, Foner describes Lincoln's earliest encounters with racism and slavery.

Rose Kernochan '82 Barnard

"I am naturally anti-slavery. If slavery is not wrong, nothing is wrong. I cannot remember when I did not so think, and feel." There is no reason to doubt the sincerity of Abraham Lincoln's emphatic declaration, written in April 1864, three years into the American Civil War. But as with so much of his early life, the origins of his thoughts and feelings about slavery remain shrouded in mystery. Lincoln grew up in a world in which slavery was a living presence and where both deeply entrenched racism and various kinds of antislavery sentiment flourished. Until well into his life, he had only sporadic contact with black people, slave or free. In later years, he said almost nothing about his early encounters with slavery, slaves, and free African-Americans. Nonetheless, as he emerged in the 1830s as a prominent Illinois politician, the cumulative experiences of his early life led Lincoln to identify himself as an occasional critic of slavery. His early encounters with and responses to slavery were the starting point from which

Lincoln's mature ideas and actions would later evolve.

The historical record contains very little information about Lincoln's early encounters with slavery or black persons. As a young child in Kentucky, he may have seen groups of chained slaves pass near his house on their way to the Lower South. He could not have had much direct contact with blacks in Indiana. In 1830, on the eve of the family's departure for Illinois, the census reported no slaves and only 14 free blacks in Spencer County, where the Lincolns lived. When he settled in Sangamon County, Illinois, the population of around 12,000 included only 38 blacks. When Lincoln moved to Springfield in 1837, the town's 86 blacks comprised less than 5 percent of its residents.

(Opposite) Lincoln envisioned a society based on free labor, not slave, even though slave auctions such as this one in Richmond, Va. (lower right), and advertisements for slaves, such as the one by William F. Talbott of Lexington, Ky. (lower left), were commonplace while he was growing up.

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\$1200
TO
1250 DOLLARS!
FOR NEGROES!!

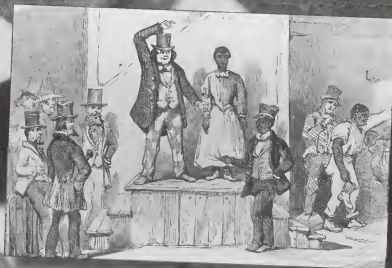
THE undersigned wishes to purchase a large lot of NEGROES for the New Orleans market. I will pay \$1200 to \$1250 for No. 1 young men, and \$850 to \$1000 for No. 1 young women. In fact I will pay more for likely.

NEGROES.

Than any other trader in Kentucky. My office is adjoining the Broadway Hotel, on Broadway, Lexington, Ky., where I or my Agent can always be found.

WM. F. TALBOTT.

LEXINGTON, JULY 2, 1862.



Lincoln's first real encounter with slavery — the heart of the institution, rather than its periphery — came on two journeys down the Ohio and Mississippi rivers in 1828 and 1831, when he helped transport farm goods for sale in New Orleans. Lincoln and his companions made the southbound voyage by flatboat and returned north by steamboat (although on the second occasion, Lincoln walked home from St. Louis). Their trip exemplified how the market revolution of the early nineteenth century was simultaneously consolidating the national economy and heightening the division between slave and free societies. In the North, the building of canals and the advent of steamboats and, later, railroads set in motion economic changes that created an integrated economy of commercial farms and growing urban and industrial centers. In the South, the market revolution, coupled with the military defeat and subsequent removal of the Native American population, made possible the westward expansion of the slave system and the rise of the great Cotton Kingdom of the Gulf states. Southern society reproduced itself as it moved westward, remaining slave-based and almost entirely agricultural, even as the North witnessed the emergence of a diversified, modernizing economy. Eventually, the clash between societies based on slave and free labor would come to dominate American life and shape the mature Lincoln's political career.

This, however, lay far in the future when Lincoln made his two trips. The first began at the end of December 1828 when James Gentry, an Indiana storekeeper, hired the 19-year-old Lincoln to join Gentry's son Allen in shipping a cargo of corn, oats, beans and meat to New Orleans. The second trip, which started in April 1831, took place after Denton Offutt, an Illinois merchant, hired a crew including Lincoln, John Hanks (Lincoln's mother's cousin) and John D. Johnston (Lincoln's stepbrother) to accompany him to New Orleans. These trips were among thousands that followed a similar route during this period, when the Old Northwest shipped its surplus farm produce downriver to be sold in New Orleans and then consumed on slave plantations or transported by sea to the Northeast or Europe.

What did Lincoln see on these journeys, which covered over 2,000 miles round-trip? The Ohio and Mississippi rivers were alive with vessels of all kinds. Lincoln could not have avoided contact with slaves, who worked on the huge cotton and sugar plantations that lined the Mississippi and on docks and steamboats. There were also bands of black robbers who preyed on shipping. One night as their flatboat lay tied up at the riverbank, one such group attacked Gentry and Lincoln. The incident left a vivid impression; in his brief autobiographical sketch written in 1860, the only black persons Lincoln mentioned were the "seven negroes" who tried to "kill and rob" him. He and Gentry, Lincoln recalled, succeeded "in driving the negroes from the boat."

These trips must have been eye-opening for the young Lincoln. New Orleans, where he spent an undetermined amount of time in 1829 and a full month in mid-1831, was by far the largest city he had ever seen, with a population of some 50,000, including nearly 17,000 slaves and 12,000 free blacks. The diverse residents also included Creoles (descendants of French and Spanish colonial settlers), European immigrants, and Americans from every state. The French observer of American democracy Alexis de Tocqueville, who spent New Year's Day of 1832 in New Orleans, six months after Lincoln's second visit, took note of the city's beautiful architecture, the "faces with every shade of color," and what he deemed the "incredible laxity of morals" of the inhabitants. Every Sunday, the city's vibrant black culture was on display at Congo Square, where slaves gathered for dancing, music-making, and other pas-

sages. The free black population included many propertied skilled artisans. The city's back streets held numerous grog shops where slaves, free blacks, and whites mingled freely.

Situated at the mouth of the Mississippi River, New Orleans was, after New York City, the country's second busiest port, the major export center for the staple crops of the Mississippi Valley. In 1828, vessels from throughout the Atlantic world arrived there, including some 750 steamboats and over 1,000 flatboats. New Orleans was also a major center of the domestic slave trade. Slave pens were scattered throughout the business district, newspapers carried daily advertisements for slave sales, and slave auctions took place not only at the central slave market — a major tourist attraction — but also at numerous other places, including the luxurious St. Charles Hotel. It would have been almost impossible to spend time in New Orleans and not witness the buying and selling of slaves.

John Hanks later claimed that on the second trip to New Orleans, "we saw negroes chained, maltreated, whipped and scourged. Lincoln saw it. His heart bled. ... I can say knowingly that it was on this trip that he formed his opinions of slavery." But, according to Lincoln's recollection in 1860, Hanks left the crew in St. Louis and did not accompany the others to New Orleans. After Lincoln's death, Hanks and Lincoln's law partner William Herndon recounted that in later life, Lincoln did speak about these journeys and about the New Orleans slave market. The impact of these visits on Lincoln's views of slavery, however, must remain a matter of speculation. His account of being assaulted by thieves is his only surviving reference to these two journeys. But the sight of slaves being bought and sold powerfully affected many a visitor to the South. Lincoln's friend Orville H. Browning, an Illinois politician who had also been born in Kentucky, described his reaction to a slave sale in a diary entry in 1854:

Saw a negro sold at public auction in the court-house yard. ... Although I am not sensible in any change in my views upon the abstract question of slavery, many of its features, that are no longer familiar, make a much more vivid impression of wrong than they did before I lived away from the influence of the institution.

Lincoln had more to say about a subsequent encounter with slavery, which took place on an 1841 boat trip to St. Louis with his close friend Joshua Speed. The trip followed a visit to Farmington, the Speed family plantation near Louisville, where his hosts assigned a house slave to wait on their guest. Recovering from a period of depression after the temporary breakup of his relationship with Mary Todd, Lincoln remained for a month at Farmington. In September, he and Speed took a steamboat down the Ohio River to St. Louis, from where Lincoln returned to Springfield, Illinois, by stagecoach. On the ship, Lincoln observed a group of slaves being transported from Kentucky to a farm farther south. In 1855, Lincoln would vividly recall this episode in a letter to Speed:

You may remember, as I well do, that ... there were, on board, ten or a dozen slaves, shackled together with irons. That sight was a continual torment to me; and I see something like it every time I touch the Ohio, or any other slave-border. ... You ought ... to appreciate how much the great body of the Northern people do crucify their feelings, in order to maintain their loyalty to the constitution and the Union.

Lincoln's oft-quoted letter, addressed to a good friend who by 1855 differed substantially with him about slavery, has been described as a "cry from the heart." Lincoln's response in 1841, when he encountered the chained slaves, was quite different. Then, he sent a vivid description of what he had seen to Mary Speed, Joshua's half sister:

A fine example was presented on board the boat for contemplating the effect of condition upon human happiness. ... [The slaves] were chained six and six together. A small iron clevis was around the left wrist of each, and this was fastened to the main chain by a shorter one at a convenient distance from the others; so that the negroes were strung together precisely like so many fish upon a trot-line. In this condition they were being separated forever from the scenes of their childhood, their friends, their fathers and mothers, and brothers and sisters, and many of them, from their wives and children, and going into perpetual slavery where the lash of the master is proverbially more ruthless and unrelenting than any other where; and yet amid all these distressing circumstances, as we would think of them, they were the most cheerful and apparently happy creatures on board. ... How true it is that God ... renders the worst of human conditions tolerable, while He permits the best, to be nothing better than tolerable.

Clearly, the chained slaves fascinated Lincoln, and he observed closely their method of confinement and their behavior. This letter is one of very few at any point in his life in which Lincoln muses on cruel punishments and the uprooting and separation of families — the concrete reality to which black men, women, and children were subjected. One cannot read the letter without a sense of revulsion at what the slaves experienced. Yet whether he did not wish to offend an owner of slaves, or his melancholy at the time affected his thinking, or his own views on slavery had not yet matured, Lincoln's account was oddly dispassionate. He did not describe the scene, as he would in 1855, as a violation of rights, a way of illustrating a political outlook, or an affront to his feelings, but as an interesting illustration of how human beings have the capacity to remain cheerful even in the most dire circumstances.

Until they drifted apart in the 1850s over the slavery question, Lincoln's relationship with the Speeds illustrated the close connection his circle of friends in Springfield had with slavery. His early political mentor and first law partner, John Todd Stuart, represented traders in indentured servants and slaves. Most important, when he married Stuart's cousin Mary Todd in 1842, Lincoln became part of a significant slaveholding family. His wife grew up in Lexington, Kentucky, in the heart of bluegrass country, the focal point of slaveholding in the state and a major slave-trading center. One of Mary's uncles bought and sold slaves. A prominent businessman, lawyer, and well-connected political figure, Mary's father, Robert S. Todd, was a longtime member of the Kentucky legislature and an associate of Henry Clay.

Robert S. Todd's first wife died in 1825. He soon remarried and four of his daughters, including Mary, eventually moved to Springfield as young women, in part because of difficulties with their stepmother. Mary's uncle, Dr. John Todd, also took up residence in Springfield and owned five slaves there in 1830. Mary's

eldest sister Elizabeth married Ninian Edwards, who served in the legislature with Lincoln and was the son of the governor with the same name who had bought and sold slaves in territorial days. The Edwards family owned one of the six slaves still living in Springfield in 1840, in addition to black indentured servants. Yet Robert S. Todd, a follower of Clay, was one of the Kentucky slaveholders who disliked slavery and hoped to see it gradually abolished in the state. His daughter Mary, who had a strong interest in politics, seems to have imbibed his point of view. Robert S. Todd died in 1849 while running for reelection to the state senate. His opponent had castigated him as the "emancipation candidate."

The Todds were a proud, self-important family whose pretensions Lincoln frequently ridiculed. "One 'd' was good enough for God," he quipped, "but not the Todds." Nonetheless, Lincoln remained extremely close to his wife's family. When the death of Robert S. Todd unleashed a bitter squabble over his estate, Lincoln became involved in the ensuing litigation. (His wife ended up losing money as a result of the eventual court decisions.) During the Civil War, as the *New York World* observed, referring to the Todds, Lincoln "appointed his whole family to government posts."

On several occasions, Lincoln came into contact with slavery on visits to his in-laws' home in Lexington. With his wife and two young sons, he spent nearly a month there in 1847 on his way to taking up a seat in Congress. They enjoyed another extended stay in 1849, and Lincoln visited Lexington again while handling lawsuits in 1850, 1852 and 1853. The city's newspapers were filled with advertisements seeking the recovery of runaways and offering slaves for sale. It is unknown whether Lincoln witnessed a slave auction during any of these visits. If so, he never mentioned it.

Thus, before his emergence in the 1850s as an antislavery politician, Lincoln lived in Kentucky, Indiana and Illinois, all of which had histories of slavery and severe laws effectively denying black persons the rights of citizenship. All three, in fact, at one time or another prohibited free blacks from entering their territory. Lincoln had seen the small-scale slavery of Kentucky and the plantations and slave markets of the Mississippi Valley. He had married into a family of slaveholders.

From an early age, Lincoln demonstrated an independent cast of mind. He diverged in many ways from the boisterous and sometimes violent frontier culture in which he grew up. He did not drink, hunt or chew tobacco, tried to avoid physical altercations, never joined a church, and early in life embarked on a program of self-improvement, bent on escaping the constraining circumstances of his youth. Despite his penchant for thinking for himself, however, for most of his life Lincoln shared many of the racial prejudices so deeply rooted in the border region in which he grew up.

Yet Lincoln, had he desired, could have easily moved back to Kentucky like his friend Joshua Speed and, with the support of his prominent father-in-law, established himself as a member of Lexington's slave-owning high society. He chose not to do so. "Every American," Tocqueville observed, "is eaten up with longing to rise." Lincoln was even more ambitious than most of his contemporaries. But to him, success meant advancement in a society based on free labor, not slave.



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The Subtle Maestro of Scissor Sisters

Scott Hoffman '99 may be part of out-and-proud glam rock band Scissor Sisters but "Babydaddy" honed a consistent and careful work ethic as an undergrad

BY BEN JOHNSON

As pop star Kylie Minogue prances onto the Pyramid Stage in thigh-high boots and a lace bodysuit, joining Scissor Sisters as a special guest for the 2010 Glastonbury Festival in front of some 180,000 spectators, it's as if the nexus of the glam dance music universe finally has been found.

Minogue, who has sold more than 60 million records around the world, has plenty of competition for audience attention. Scissor Sisters' singer Jake Shears channels Prince in a high falsetto and hops around in nothing but suspenders, shredded jeans, and combat boots. His ginger-haired bandmate Ana Matronic shimmies in her purple dress and belts out the words to "Any Which Way," a clubby ode to hooking up that draws the crowd's roar. As spectacles go, Scissor Sisters is a hit.

But while these three singers provide eye candy to the audience teeming on the fields of Somerset, England, a subtle maestro is hard at work.

Scott Hoffman '99 is the calm driver at the periphery of this pulsating, glitzy mothership. Despite being part of a big day's penultimate act, the bearded man in sunglasses exudes relaxed joy, whether he's grasping the neck of his white Fender bass or laying hands upon a silver synthesizer.

One could credit Hoffman's cool to the fact that the group's new album, *Night Work*, is thus far a critical success, earning raves from *Entertainment Weekly* to *Mojo*

Magazine. But the role of even-keeled, well-rested director is one Hoffman has played since the days of composing into headphones in Carman Hall, and one that has helped make Scissor Sisters a world-famous, multi-platinum-selling band.

"The Jew in me wants to stay in the tour bus and try to avoid the mud," jokes Hoffman before the show, admitting he doesn't exactly embody the rock star stereotype. "But Glastonbury is a magical place. They set up bars and tents and art installations everywhere. It's as much about the music as it is the tribal gathering. It's like a mixture of Coachella and Burning Man."

Giant outdoor festivals like California's Coachella and Nevada's Burning Man — both of which feature contemporary music, alternative lifestyles and campy entertainment — have been a part of Hoffman's regular vocabulary since he graduated from Columbia with a degree in creative writing. And they are perfect for Scissor Sisters' contagious pop — a dance-inducing mix of

Scott Hoffman '99 is the driving force behind the hit band Scissor Sisters.

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pulsing disco beats, funk-influenced bass lines and rock 'n' roll guitar licks that man-ages to celebrate and reflect on dance floor hedonism at the same time.

But Glastonbury in particular holds special meaning for Scissor Sisters. In 2004, the festival effectively marked the band's introduction to Europe, bringing the New York City group's genre-bending style of dance music to a new fan base that has proved voracious.

"The record had been slowly inching up the charts," says Hoffman, recalling the group's first mainstream milestone. "We

played Glastonbury, and the next day we got the call, telling us it had hit No. 1."

Self-titled debut *Scissor Sisters* spent a month as the top record in the United Kingdom, and was 2004's top-selling album there, moving 2.7 million copies in that year alone. The follow-up, 2006's *Ta-Dah!*, hit the same peak, and spent 50 weeks on the U.K. charts overall. The group's return to the fields of Somerset is a not-so-subtle nod to their success in England thus far; a notch in the revolving doorway of fame, logging the growth of the band from Manhattan cabaret curiosity to full

on rock band. Scissor Sisters completed an extensive European tour in mid-December and opens a U.S. tour (with Lady Gaga) on February 19 in Atlantic City, N.J.

"It's a funny thing — we kind of grew backward," says Hoffman, a polite 33-year-old who says the band's first official gig was at The Slipper Room, a Lower East Side burlesque spot. "Jake and I started performing as a duo in 2001. We would sort of get up on stage, and I would play my laptop while Jake basically took his clothes off. Later on, we realized that we wanted to actually perform this music as a band."

Hoffman and Scissor Sisters front man Jake Shears (born Jason Sellards) met through a mutual friend in Lexington, Ky., where Hoffman grew up. There, Hoffman had developed an appetite for records from his older brother, Ben, who fed him everything from glam rock legend David Bowie to Seattle grunge kings Nirvana. An obsession with hair metal followed, as did the high school revelation of Nine Inch Nails' punishing industrial music and the dystopian post-rock of Radiohead.

"My musical discovery definitely moved on into electronic and disco music, and the mix of the two," says Hoffman. "Finding out why and how that all happened became really interesting to me."

When Hoffman left Kentucky to study at Columbia, his own musical journey had prepared him for Scissor Sisters. And when Shears moved to the city as well, it wasn't long before the two collaborators fell in together and started spending time at downtown clubs, making friends with others seeking the same entertainment. It was in this circle of friends where Hoffman, younger than his cohorts but mature and rocking a substantial beard, got the nickname that would later become his official Scissor Sisters handle: Babydaddy.

But beyond the places and pulses of city music, there were other kinds of knowledge the self-described "Kentucky boy" had yet to gather, and he did that gathering on campus.

"I went to Columbia because I wanted to get a challenging education and pursue some of my loves, such as understanding fiction and more of the arts," Hoffman says. "Plus I was into the idea of going to a big city like New York after living in



Hoffman got his nickname, Babydaddy, during his college years while hanging out with an older crowd in New York's club scene.

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a smaller town all of my life. My parents also were very demanding and wanted me to go for the best."

"What impressed me about Scott wasn't as much his music as his discipline," says Ethan Davidson '99, a friend and former bandmate of Hoffman's who is a communications director for an urban development company in Atlanta. "He's a very creative person, but it's how he goes about it. You'd go by his dorm room and he'd say 'Don't disturb me. I'm writing right now.' Columbia was a good fit for him — he was a disciplined guy with his head on straight."

Davidson, who visits with Hoffman when both are in New York, jokes that the musician's Chelsea apartment is highly organized, just like his old Columbia dorm room — but filled with nicer stuff, of course. The influence of his time at school isn't lost on Hoffman, either.

"I think it was the most important experience to get me to what I'm doing right now," he says. "The way Columbia developed my understanding and ability to discuss a piece of art or literature, how we would talk about themes and ideas and have a real discourse — that ran right into the way Scissor Sisters creates music. We spend a lot of time refining and talking about what we do musically. We feel like we're creating something that verges on art; something conceptual that shows a bigger picture."

One of Hoffman's favorite professors at Columbia may have helped shape his ability to create the big picture in the band. Colin Harrison, a novelist and former editor at *Harper's Magazine* who now is a senior editor at Simon & Schuster, taught several writing workshops at Columbia, one of which dealt with voice and narrative through the lens of music appreciation.

"We'd listen to clips of singers — Patsy Cline, Louis Armstrong, Tom Waits — to discuss the power and emotional intensity of voice for the purposes of writing," says Harrison, whose 1996 crime novel, *Manhattan Nocturne*, received a "Notable Book" nod from *The New York Times*. "We'd explore how you sense, feel and keep narrative going."

Anyone delving into the deep cuts of this quartet's three albums (a fifth musician joins them for live performances) would notice an attention to voice and narrative; both lyrically and musically, the



Scissor Sisters, made up of (left to right) Hoffman, Jake Shears, Ana Matronic and Del Marquis, has released three hit albums.

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recordings all succeed as broad statements filled with juicy details.

In a market dominated by digital singles and one-track downloads, the band's commitment to a long play artistic statement is admirable, whether or not they are working in a medium facing extinction. Since Scissor Sisters first gained attention for their 2004 club-ready cover of "Comfortably Numb," by concept-album giants Pink Floyd, it's been a theme, but not one necessarily obtained with ease.

"We take this seriously as a job — a job that we love," says Hoffman, who collaborates closely with Shears on a majority of the band's songwriting. "We did about 1½ years of writing consistently and we hit a wall. In a moment of frustration, I suggested Jake go away for a bit, and he did — to Berlin."

After some time in the German city's thriving nightlife scene, Shears felt rejuvenated. With some production assistance from the accomplished Stuart Price (Madonna, The Killers), and a Robert Map-

plethorpe photo for the album cover, the band found itself with what may be their most ambitious and seamless work yet.

Thus far, fans have responded; 25,000 copies of *Night Work* were purchased in the United States alone within two weeks of the album's release. Some three years in the making, the album boasts an instantly catchy single, "Fire with Fire," as well as brooding, drawn out anthems like closer "Invisible Light." A collaboration with Bryan Ferry for a new recording from seminal art rockers Roxy Music is forthcoming, but for now, Hoffman is concentrating on the grueling tour schedule and looking forward to his eventual return to New York city.

"I sometimes feel like a smaller town kid, but it feels like home," says Hoffman. "I imagine I'll always keep coming back to New York."



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How to Cope During a Recession? Start a Food or Beverage Business

BY DINA CHENEY '99

Hear the word “recession,” and opportunity is likely the last thought that comes to mind. Yet, a tough economy can promote out-of-the-box thinking and present openings in the marketplace. These two stories — of food and beverage businesses started by young alumni, one right before the recession and the other in the thick of it — illustrate that an economic downturn isn’t necessarily cause for pessimism.

Chocomize

Chocomize, an Internet business that makes customized chocolate bars to order (chocomize.com), began due to a seeming lack of opportunity. The company’s founders — Nick LaCava ’09, Eric B. Heinbockel ’08 and Fabian Kaempfer, an exchange student at Columbia in spring 2008 and a 2009 graduate of European Business School (or EBS Universitaet), outside of Frankfurt, Germany — had planned to work in finance but couldn’t find compelling jobs in the field.

Heinbockel, who spent a year looking for a job, had nearly 20 interviews. Although he was offered several positions, he took none of them — they were all commission-based, with low or no base salaries. Later, LaCava, who’d spent two summers before graduation working for Citigroup and who planned to work in sales or trading, also couldn’t find employment.

In truth, as Heinbockel pointed out, a full-time job would have proven challenging anyway, since LaCava, then one of the fastest lightweight rowers in the country, was considering joining the U.S. rowing team. In 2009 he did, as a member of the lightweight men’s four division. He currently is training to compete in the 2012 Olympics.

By the early summer 2009, Heinbockel, LaCava and Kaempfer were close friends. Heinbockel and LaCava had met during the 2005–06 school year through the Columbia varsity lightweight rowing team. They became acquainted with Kaempfer when he moved into a Ruggles suite with LaCava and four other rowers during his stint as an exchange student.

Soon, the three began talking about “opportunities outside of the ones we had our hearts set on,” as Heinbockel puts it. During those discussions, Heinbockel brought up the growing field of

mass-customization, defined by BusinessDictionary.com as “the production of personalized or custom-tailored goods or services to meet consumers’ diverse and changing needs at near mass-production prices.” Some major companies, including Apple, Dell, Nike and Brooks Brothers, already had been practicing mass-customization. Yet, few food and beverage companies had yet done the same.

Then, something seemingly inconsequential, but ultimately fateful, happened: A motley assemblage of milk chocolate candies, pretzels, gummy bears and granola melted together in the back of LaCava’s car. LaCava remembers, “We ended up putting the bag in the fridge to harden it up, and when I tried it on a bet, it tasted delicious. That was when the light bulb went off in our heads, like, ‘Wow, this could be a good idea.’”

“We decided that we’d combine an older, but growing market — chocolate — with mass customization, the next wave in retail,” recalls Heinbockel. Indeed, the friends’ market research showed that traditionally, chocolate companies have emerged or flourished during recessions. During economic downturns, people are looking for affordable comforts and luxuries.

Encouraged, Heinbockel, LaCava and Kaempfer resolved to build a website where visitors could custom-design their own Belgian chocolate bar by choosing from an extensive list of ingredients — everything from the expected (almonds) to the novel (bacon and edible gold). One percent of the proceeds from each bar are donated to charity, and each customer chooses where his or her donation goes: Doctors Without Borders, Michael J. Fox Foundation or Action Against Hunger.

Initially based out of Heinbockel’s parents’ New Jersey home to save money, the three put their plan into action. LaCava’s father, John, a lawyer, advised the friends on copyrighting their name and logo and on incorporating, which they did in August (all three

took the title of managing partner), while The New Jersey Small Business Development Centers (NJSBDC.com) offered general business assistance. Personal loans came from friends and family, enabling the trio to purchase “\$35,000 worth of chocolate-tempering machines in one day,” as Heinbockel recalls. “That was nerve-wracking.” Meanwhile, knowledge about what to do with those machines was furnished by a Germany-based chocolatier, to whom Kaempfer was introduced by his uncle, a Nuremberg restaurateur.

In November 2009, Chocomize launched its website, and Heinbockel — who was to handle marketing and public relations — began aggressively reaching out to media outlets. “We realized how important holidays and press coverage would be in building our business,” he says. His efforts were successful: *O, The Oprah Magazine*; *The Costco Connection* magazine; and other publications mentioned their company. Soon, Chocomize was profitable on a cash-flow basis.

Today, in addition to the three founders, the company has three interns, including Dave Mulhern '10 and Jim Brown '11; three full-time chocolate production workers; and two part-timers who produce chocolate or assist with shipping. The bars are produced and shipped from the company's office and production facility in Cherry Hill, N.J.

The founders plan to move Chocomize to a larger facility (its current factory is just shy of 2,000 sq. ft.). The company also will start selling chocolate to Canadian customers; offer more shipping options and a fourth base chocolate; purchase more equipment; and hire more people.

“We fall into the category of accidental entrepreneurs,” Heinbockel says. “We are risk-takers to a degree, but the recession gave us the opportunity where we had nothing to lose. Ultimately, I’m glad that I didn’t find a job. It allowed me to find work that I’m happier doing.”

Echoes LaCava, “I’m really glad that I didn’t end up getting a more traditional job. Not only have I learned an incredible amount about running a business, I absolutely love what I’m doing. It’s great being your own boss, and there’s no greater satisfaction than seeing your hard work pay off. Making chocolate and working with your best friends every day is a blast.”

VeeV

The founders of VeeV, the first acai-based spirit, graduated before the recession and were able to begin their careers at investment banks. Brothers Courtney Reum '01 and Carter Reum '03 both worked in the investment banking division of Goldman Sachs. Yet Courtney knew that he would ultimately take an entrepreneurial path.

While at Goldman, he worked on many deals, including a large alcohol company merger, as well as the IPO for Under Armour. “The founder of that company had a good idea, and went for it. Why can’t I do that?” Courtney recalls thinking. On a surfing trip to Brazil — a respite from his grueling work schedule — he was offered a bowl of granola, banana, honey and a then-mysterious fruit called acai (pronounced ah-sigh-EE). Courtney thought the fruit was delicious, and filed away the memory.

About a year later, he began brainstorming intensively about what type of business to start. He decided to invent an alcoholic beverage that would offer a “better way to drink” — better tast-



(From left) Fabian Kaempfer, Nick LaCava '09 and Eric B. Heinbockel '08 couldn't land the finance jobs they had hoped for, so they turned to the growing field of mass-customization and founded Chocomize.

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ing, better nutritionally and better for the environment. Recalling his trip to Brazil and the growing craze for nutrient-rich “super-fruits” (such as pomegranates and the lesser-known acai), he resolved to create “the world’s first acai spirit.”

When Courtney shared the idea with Carter, his younger brother was dubious about leaving his finance job. “Why should we risk everything?” Carter recalls asking. “I was surprised Courtney thought I’d actually be crazy enough to leave a great job at Goldman to join him in trying our hand at our own venture.”

Although Courtney did convince his brother to join him, the two didn’t know the alcohol business and realized they needed help. That came from Britt West '97, then a brand director for Grey Goose Vodka at Miami-based Bacardi US (which had acquired the vodka brand). At the time, Carter was on the board of Columbia College Young Alumni, as was a close friend of West’s, who introduced them in late 2006.

West remembers his first encounter with the Reums. “Like most people, when they asked me what acai was, I said I’d never heard of it,” he says. “I thought that Courtney and Carter were ahead of their time, as functional fruits and beverages were just becoming more mainstream. Plus, the brothers planned to donate a portion of the product’s sales to stewardship of the Brazilian rainforest. I realized that not only was that something they were passionate about; it was also something that would appeal to our target market. Finding more environmentally and socially responsible ways of doing businesses would become a long-term trend, even in an industry not known for its environmentally sensitive behavior.”

After first consulting for the Reums, West joined the company full-time in June 2007, becoming a managing partner (the Reums are co-founders and managing partners).

During just two months in late 2006, the Reums secured funding from friends, family and a handful of angel investors, mostly individuals they’d met through their careers at Goldman Sachs. “We would probably not have been able to raise enough money during the recession,” says Courtney. “All we had then was an idea, something that was interesting and different. We didn’t have a fully-vetted business plan or even a fully thought-out product.”

Armed with capital, they found a distiller with environmen-

In May 2007 in Los Angeles, VeeV was launched, with the brothers literally selling bottles out of the backs of their cars.

tally sensitive practices and began the research and development process. "We gave the distiller lay terms, and they turned our vision into a product," says Courtney. "We went through dozens of iterations of the formula, tasting them with panels of experts to get feedback." Once the formula was finalized, they submitted paperwork to the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax Trade Bureau, the agency for such product approvals, to get approval of the recipe and package design.

Courtney came up with the company name: VeeV. "It has no meaning," he says, "but is close to the word for 'life' in several Latin-based languages. We also like it because it's one syllable and a palindrome, making it an easy call to a bartender in a crowded bar (for example, a 'VeeV and soda')."

In May 2007 in Los Angeles, VeeV was launched, with the brothers literally selling bottles out of the backs of their cars — they didn't yet have a distributor or major sales infrastructure in place. After introducing the product to the Los Angeles market, they moved on to Florida, Illinois, other California cities and Texas, with Courtney (and sometimes West or Carter) spending two to six months in each location getting the brand up and running.

Meanwhile, Carter and West made sure that existing markets were moving in the right direction. "Carter and I are the faces of the brand," Courtney explains. "Launching markets ourselves gave us firsthand knowledge of how consumers interacted with our product and showed us how to best sell it."

In many ways, the timing of VeeV — being launched a few months before the recession officially began — was perfect. Potential new brands that would have posed competition couldn't secure funds, so, West explains, there was a "thinning of the herd, a shakeout in the industry." All the while, their business was growing.

Furthermore, in summer 2009, VeeV noticed an unprecedented media opportunity. As Courtney recalls, "There was an incredible amount of open media that could be purchased for 20 cents on the dollar. We seized this opportunity and had a summer-long advertising campaign across five markets. We would never have been able to afford it in 'traditional' circumstances. Our efforts further stood out because the big companies in our industry were slashing media spending."

The company's decision to focus on the "on-premise" market (bars, nightclubs and restaurants) allowed the partners to spread the gospel about their product and see how consumers reacted to

it. During this time, multinational alcohol conglomerates were doing just the opposite, shifting their emphasis to the "off-premise" market (liquor and grocery stores) to try to sustain volume sales during the recession. "This gave us a window of opportunity to exploit," Courtney says. "We became even more aggressive in the on-premise market, and that action has built lasting business relationships. Now, our sales are about 70 percent on-premise."

All of these efforts have paid off. Today, VeeV is available in almost every state, and, according to Courtney, the company had \$2 million in sales last year, a 250 percent increase. W Hotels, Virgin American Airlines and Celebrity Cruises serve the spirit.

The company has grown to about 20 employees, including the brothers and an office manager, who are based in Los Angeles; West, who still lives in Miami; and a v.p. of sales, Tim Maccara, who works out of San Francisco. Courtney is national sales director. Even the Reums' sister, Halle '06, helps out part-time. "In truth, we're based wherever there is a hotel room and an Internet connection," West says. "We all log quite a few frequent flyer miles."

"Regardless of the economy, we'd still be doing this," Courtney notes. "We would certainly not be working in investment banking. None of us came into this project looking to dip our

toes in the water with a fallback plan that we could all return to our previous jobs.

"When I left my seemingly secure job at Goldman Sachs, given where the economy was, all my friends were saying, 'Are you mad?' or 'You must be crazy!' Now, they say, 'You must have seen that one [the economic collapse] coming, huh?' I just have to laugh because if that were the case, I'd probably be retired already."

Carter adds, "I'm thrilled that my brother pushed me to think outside of the traditional path and onto something more entrepreneurial. The experience I've gotten at such a young age never would have been possible if I'd continued at an investment bank. I always say that VeeV is our 'business school.' And the success we've had has been even sweeter given that my brother and I are doing this together."



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Brothers Courtney Reum '01 (left) and Carter Reum '03 left jobs at Goldman Sachs to chart their own course, founding VeeV to fill a niche in the adult beverage market.

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Trees along College Walk were lit on December 2, a sure sign that winter had arrived.

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Bookshelf

What's the Story?: Try your Hand at Fiction and Learn the Art of Writing by *Rudolph H. Weingartner* '50. With drawings and descriptions of 20 casts of characters, Weingartner offers the struggling fiction writer numerous possibilities to inspire the art of writing (University Press of America, \$16.99).

Wilhelm Dilthey: Selected Works, Volume II: Understanding the Human World edited by *Rudolf A. Makkrle* '60 and *Frithjof Rodi*. In this second volume of writings, philosopher Dilthey explores the relationship between self and the world (Princeton University Press, \$65).

Before Forgiveness: The Origins of a Moral Idea by *David Konstan* '61. The author tracks the beginnings of the modern sense of interpersonal forgiveness to the 18th and 19th centuries (Cambridge University Press, \$85).

Religion and Democracy in the United States: Danger or Opportunity? edited by *Alan Wolfe* and *Ira Katznelson* '66, the Ruggles Professor of Political Science and History. Scholars examine Americans' religious beliefs and the relationship between church and state (Princeton University Press, \$35).

Sunset Park: A Novel by *Paul Auster* '69. During the 2008 economic collapse, a group of young squatters in Sunset Park, Brooklyn, are brought together by the enigmatic Miles Heller (Henry Holt and Co., \$25).

Mohamed's Ghosts: An American Story of Love and Fear in the Homeland by *Stephan Salisbury* '69. Using the story of Philadelphia's Muslim community post-9-11 and his personal experiences with government surveillance in the 1960s, Salisbury criticizes the government's investigation techniques (Nation Books, \$26.95).

The Bodhisattva's Embrace: Dispatches from Engaged Buddhism's Front Lines by *Alan Senauke* '69. The author puts together pieces of writings from his travels during the last 20 years to look at the sufferings of troubled places in Asia and the United States with dharmic reflections (Clear View Press, \$14.99).

The Unknown Black Book: The Holocaust in the German-Occupied Soviet Territories by *Joshua Rubenstein* '71 and *Ilya Altman*. This book collects firsthand accounts of massacres and other atrocities carried about by the Germans and their allies against Jews in occupied Soviet territories during WWII (Indiana University Press, \$24.95).

Salvation City: A Novel by *Sigrid Nunez* '75. Envisioning a future in which millions have been wiped out by the flu, Nunez writes a story of survivors who turn to increasingly radical religious practices in search of comfort and explanations (Riverhead Books, \$25.95).

Ed Koch and the Rebuilding of New York City by *Jonathan Soffer* '78. Soffer takes a look at former New York City mayor Ed Koch and his

fight to create a growing city while dealing with the crises of the '80s (Columbia University Press, \$34.95).

A Critical History of German Film by *Stephen Brockmann* '82. The author looks at individual German films, with an introduction to each film's era that provides its historical context (Camden House, \$60).

The New York Stories of Elizabeth Hardwick, with an introduction by *Darryl Pinckney* '88. In Hardwick's first collection of short fiction, a young woman who had been living in New York City returns to her Kentucky hometown and must adjust to the differences (NYRB Classics, \$15.95).

Notes from the Cracked Ceiling: Hillary Clinton, Sarah Palin, and What It Will Take for a Woman to Win by *Anne E. Kornblut* '94. *Washington Post* White House correspondent Kornblut analyzes the recent Clinton and Palin campaigns to see what it will take for a woman to gain the presidency (Crown, \$25).

Kiev, Jewish Metropolis: A History, 1859-1914 (The Modern Jewish Experience) by *Natan M. Meir* '94. This book explores the history of Kiev Jewry by examining the everyday lives of Jews, and their struggles, shifts and relations with the Christian population from 1859 to the start of WWI (Indiana University Press, \$27.95).

City Bird: Selected Poems (1991-2009) by *Millie Niss* '94. This collection, published after Niss' 2009 death,

offers a range of experimental poems conveying varying aspects of her personality (BlazeVOX [books], \$18).

A Thousand Darkneses: Lies and Truth in Holocaust Fiction by *Ruth Franklin* '95. Franklin investigates the role of imagination and fictive interpretations in remembering the Holocaust by examining literary works, including memoirs (Oxford University Press, \$29.95).

How Soccer Explains the World: An Unlikely Theory of Globalization by *Franklin Foer* '96. The author shows the influence of soccer in different cultures while examining its overall global effect (Harper Perennial, \$14.99).

Moment of Clutch by *Eric Siskind* '03. Baseball meets Jewish theology in this novel about a minor league player who strives to realize his athletic potential and, in the process, rediscovers his faith (Amazon Digital Services, \$0.99).

Invisible Things by *Jenny Davidson*, associate professor of English and comparative literature. In this novel, 16-year-old Sophie makes it her mission to learn the truth about her parents' deaths by seeking their former employer, billionaire Alfred Nobel (HarperTeen, \$16.99).

The Cloud Corporation by *Timothy Donnelly*, assistant professor of creative writing. In his second collection of poems, Donnelly explores a variety of emotions while trying to bring meaning to the world (Wave Books, \$16).



Samuel Moyn: The Recent History of Human Rights

By CASEY PLETT

"Human rights are best understood as survivors: the god that did not fail while other political ideologies did," history professor Samuel

Moyn writes in his new book *The Last Utopia: Human Rights in History* (Belknap, \$27.95).

When human rights became high-profile in the late 1970s, majestic utopian ideas such as nationalism and socialism were losing credit amid a global citizenry disillusioned with the failures revolution had promised. Human rights have been able to achieve prominence, Moyn says during an interview in his sixth-floor office in Fayerweather Hall, because the movement's argument is presented minimally.

"It says human rights aren't a utopia like the past ones, which failed precisely because they were too grandiose," Moyn says. "They still ask you to invest yourself, but it's about saving the world a step at a time rather than in one grand stroke."

In the book, he cites Amnesty International's "direct and public connection with suffering" by identifying with a single victim as an example.

The Last Utopia, Moyn's third book, is a fascinating history of the origins of human rights as an ideology and how their current unassailable status was anything but inevitable. The Rights of Man movement during the French Revolution, he writes, was "about the meaning of citizenship ... not the protection of 'humanity,'" and the toothlessness of the United Nations' Universal Declaration of Human Rights, passed in 1948, was indicative of human rights' status as "one symbolic event in the public rollout" when the international organization was trying to get on its feet. "The true goal of the prospective United Nations," he writes, "was to balance great powers, not to moralize (let alone legalize) the world."

Moyn says there were no books on this subject 10 years ago, but when he began teaching at Columbia in 2001, he taught a class called "Historical Origins of Human Rights," and began to engage with emerging scholarship, much of which argued that human rights began before the 20th century, in the Revolutionary Era.

He acknowledges the existing scholarship is "powerful," especially when it comes to antislavery, the movement he credits for "pioneering techniques of agitation" for future human rights movements, as well as constructing "a particular human rights norm against chattel slavery."

But there was no continual "human rights movement" from then to now, he says, nor does he believe that antislavery's success was central to how human rights are shaped today. "I thought the field got off on the wrong foot," Moyn says in explaining how *The*

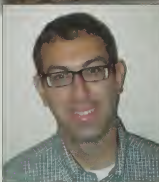
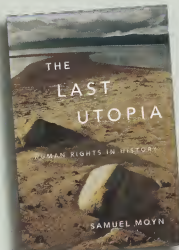


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Last Utopia originated, "so I saw the idea of writing a book that would hit the reset button."

Moyn, a deep-voiced, affable man who received the College's Mark Van Doren Award for teaching in 2007, was raised in St. Louis and attended Washington University as an undergraduate, majoring in French literature and history. Initially more interested in literature, he was soon intrigued by history after taking courses which, he says, "integrated literature into a larger picture of social thought."

Moyn earned master's and doctorate degrees from UC Berkeley as well as a J.D. from Harvard. He considered going into human rights as a career when he was at Harvard, but instead opted to teach at Columbia upon graduation. "Like me, many people were very taken by human rights in the '90s," he explains of his initial interest in the subject. "They seemed on the brink of conquering the world as a persuasive framework for supplanting old systems of power and statehood with some new moral system."

These old systems also get a thorough once-over in *The Last Utopia*. Moyn argues that historical movements about rights — such as in the Revolutionary Era — were less about individuals and more about entire peoples. "Most campaigns for rights in modern history didn't see any way of severing individual rights

from collective liberation. In our time, these things have gotten severed," he says.

Moyn goes on to say that human rights aren't as emotional and galvanizing as former utopias. "They seem that way today because they don't have many competitors. They're a utopia that was reached after others were tried and discarded. What I wondered is how these older revolutionizing frameworks entered crisis, and why it is that this minimalist utopia, however maximal it seems now, could succeed in those circumstances."

Is it easier to motivate people to action from a minimalist perspective?

"It's not clear to me," Moyn says. "That's how it seems today, but if we do the history of the idea of communism, it seems as if precisely the grandiosity draws people into this kind of romantic movement. It seems like we're in an age when your statement seems right, that you have to give something small scale in order to make it appealing."

"Most utopias have been maximal. And yet ours are minimal. How we switched our expectations about the idealism we want is the crucial thing to explain."

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How to House the Homeless edited by Ingrid Gould Ellen and Brendan O'Flaherty, professor of economics. This book takes a critical look at homelessness in the United States and what policies and programs offer the best outlook (Russell Sage Foundation Publications, \$37.50).

Perpetual Inventory by Rosalind Krauss, University Professor. Krauss offers alternative views about the current direction of contemporary art in a collection of essays (The MIT Press, \$29.95).

The Complete Works of W.H. Auden: Prose, Volume IV, 1956-1962 edited by Edward Mendelson,

the Lionel Trilling Professor in the Humanities. Auden's best-known prose, "The Dyer's Hand," and other essays and reviews come together in this fourth volume, highlighting the height of his career. This version includes Mendelson's notes on biographical and historical context (Princeton University Press, \$65).

The Mind's Eye by Oliver Sacks, professor of neurology, psychiatry and the arts. Sacks captures the stories of people who have lost part of their senses and abilities and yet are still capable of communicating and living their lives (Knopf, \$26.95).

Samantha Jean-Baptiste '13



Obituaries

1929

Irwin W. Smith, retired insurance agent and teacher, Wallingford, Conn., on February 18, 2010. Smith was born in New York City on December 17, 1907. He was a WWII veteran, serving in the Army. Smith earned a master's from New Jersey State College in Montclair and a J.D. from NYU. He was an insurance agent with John Hancock Life Insurance Co. for 30 years until his retirement and then was a permanent substitute teacher at Paramus H.S. in New Jersey for 25 years. Smith was predeceased by his wife, Marjorie Fricke Smith, and is survived by a son, I. Stuart, and his wife, Betty; daughters, Marilyn L. Sandberg and her husband, Paul, and Dorothy S. Mullen; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. Memorial contributions may be made to Masonic Charity Foundation, PO Box 70, Wallingford, CT 06492.

1938

Alvin K. Link, retired executive, Los Angeles, on February 23, 2010. Link was born in Brooklyn, N.Y., on September 17, 1917. He entered with the Class of 1938 but earned a B.S. and an M.S. from the Business School in 1938 and 1939, respectively, and obtained a C.P.A. certificate from the State of New York. Link was v.p., secretary and treasurer of Layne and Bowler Pump Co. in City of Industry, Calif., for many years. He was active for many years

with Children's Home Society of California, a large child welfare agency, first with the Los Angeles district on its Board of Directors and later on C.H.S.'s state board, eventually being elected president. Link is survived by his wife, Eileen Patricia Cole Link; children, Diane B., Susan L. Flanagan and her husband, J. Michael, Kenneth R., and Richard A. and his wife, Kathy; and four grandchildren. Memorial contributions may be made to USC Norris Cancer Center.

1941

Edward J. Amontree, retired dentist, Sarasota, Fla., on February 4, 2010. Amontree was born on May 2, 1919, in Harlem and grew up in Brooklyn, where he graduated from Brooklyn Tech. He studied journalism at Columbia before graduating from the Dental School in 1944. Amontree was a captain in the Army during the Korean conflict, running the dental clinic at Fort Belvoir, Va., where he met his wife, Eva Johanna Hagenstein. The couple moved in 1955 to Sarasota, where Amontree set up his dental practice and they raised their family. After a long and distinguished career, including extensive research on the effects of light on dental health, Amontree retired at 82. He was an avid fisherman and sailor and enjoyed restoring classic automobiles. Survivors include his sons, Michael and Tom; daughter, Madeline Dudeney; and four grandchildren.

Leonard M. Shayne, retired foreign trader, New York City, on October 26, 2010. Shayne was born in New York City on September 29, 1920, and attended public schools. He entered the College with the Class of 1941 but earned a B.S. in 1941 from the Business School. Shayne was cossawm of the freshmen crew. He served in England in WWII as a sergeant with the 8th Air Force from 1942-45, then joined the family business, Leading Forwarders, to do freight forwarding and customs brokering. Shayne was regarded as an expert in his field and lectured at CUNY Baruch's Zicklin School of Business and The City College of New York. He wrote an industry memoir, *Not All Importers-Exporters Are Crooks*. Shayne became the president/co-owner of Leading Forwarders and co-owner of Leading Export Service Corp. with his brother, Kenneth. A founding father of The



Leonard M. Shayne '41

National Customs Brokers & Forwarders Association of America, Shayne was at one time its president and held the 2009 NCBFAA Centurion Award. Lifelong friend Ray Robinson '41 noted, "He was a charming, gracious man with a thirst for knowledge, and he never stopped learning." Shayne married Theresa "Teri" Deerson in 1952; she predeceased him in 2006. He married Troid Onsborg that year. She survives him, as do his children and their spouses, William and his wife, Caren, and Claudia Shayne-Ferguson and her husband, Earl; and four grandchildren.

1942

George T. Laboda, director of media, Lake Worth, Fla., on February 26, 2010. Laboda was born on October 7, 1919, in the Bronx. He entered with the Class of 1942 but earned a degree in 1942 from the Business School. Laboda served in the Army Air Force from 1942-46, being stationed at Mitchell Field on Long Island, N.Y., and rising to the rank of tech sergeant. Laboda was an avid golfer and a supporter of the Florida Sheriff's Youth Ranches, the Make-A-Wish Foundation and the Grandfather Home for Children in Banner Elk, N.C. He was a founder of the Kravis Center in Palm Beach, Fla., and established the Ruth C. Laboda Foundation as a tribute to his wife of 55 years to continue their legacy of helping others and furthering the arts. Laboda also was predeceased by a son, Ron, and is survived by his companion of 14 years, Roseanne McElroy; sister, Emilia McCusker; sons, Thomas and his wife, Rosa, Richard and his wife, Joan, and Lawrence; daughter Kathy and her husband, Jim;

five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Sam Pisicchio, retired Coast Guard member and employment consultant, Napa, Calif., on February 24, 2010. Born in Corato, Italy, in 1920, Pisicchio and his parents immigrated to New York when he was 3. After graduating from Freeport (N.Y.) H.S., he majored in journalism at the College. Upon graduation, Pisicchio enlisted in the Coast Guard, where he served for 23 years, retiring with the rank of commander. His tours of duty took him and his family to Boston, Washington, D.C., Cape May, N.J., Cleveland and Long Beach, Calif. In 1965, Pisicchio settled in Napa Valley, where he was an employment consultant for the Napa County Welfare Department until 1980. He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Dawn; daughters, Nancy, and Valerie Straw; and a granddaughter. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice by the Bay, 190 West Napa St., Sonoma, CA 95476.

1944

Harold W. Polton, retired business executive, Pompton Plains, N.J., on April 2, 2010. Polton's Columbia education was interrupted by military service when he enlisted in the Army. He served in Iowa, Washington, D.C., and Hawaii before returning to complete his College degree. Polton spent his business career in paper recycling and real estate in New Jersey. He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Kathleen Thomson Polton; sons, Arthur, Thomas and Richard '70; seven grandchildren; and one great-grandson.

1945

Bruce L. Schalk, retired accountant, Whiting, N.J., on March 4, 2010. Born in Flushing, N.Y., Schalk served in the Pacific Theatre from 1942-46. He earned a degree in economics from the College and was a member of Beta Theta Phi. Schalk was an accountant for Housing and Urban Development for many years before retiring in 1988. He enjoyed gardening, reading and traveling. Schalk also loved music and sang in a church choir for 34 years. Surviving are his wife of 36 years, Emily (Sklenka) Schalk; daughters, Claudia, and Laureline Pizzari; sister, Georgia, and her husband, Harold Zeidel; two grandchildren; and four nieces.

Obituary Submission Guidelines

Columbia College Today welcomes obituaries for College alumni. Deaths are noted in the next available issue in the "Other Deaths Reported" box, but due to the volume of obituaries that CCT receives, it may take several issues for the complete obituary to appear. Word limit is 200; text may be edited for length, clarity and style at editors' discretion. Click "Contact Us" at college.columbia.edu/cct, or mail materials to Obituaries Editor, *Columbia College Today*, Columbia Alumni Center, 622 W. 113th St., MC 4530, New York, NY 10025.

Memorial contributions may be made to Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, 1275 York Ave., New York, NY 10065.

1946

Wayne J. Hallenbeck, retired insurance executive, Mansfield, Ohio, on February 10, 2010. Born on January 7, 1925, Hallenbeck enlisted in the Army in 1943 and served in the European theatre of operations during WWII, receiving a Purple Heart. He then resumed his studies at Columbia and graduated in 1948 with a B.A. in political science. Hallenbeck had a 35-year career in the insurance industry, starting with Aetna in New York and Security Insurance in New Haven, Conn. In 1960, he and his family moved to Mansfield, where he worked at Lumbermens Mutual Insurance Co. Hallenbeck was v.p. of claims and retired from Lumbermens in 1981. He was an active bowler and golfer and a former member of Westbrook County Club and the B.P.O.E. Hallenbeck is survived by his wife, Shirley; sons, Wayne Jr. and his wife, Lisa, and Kirby and his wife, Toni; daughter, Susan Hallenbeck and her husband, William Holland; and two grandchildren. Memorial contributions may be made to MedCentral Hospice, 335 Glessner Ave., Mansfield, OH 44903.

1949

William G. Ivie Sr., retired store manager, Cartersville, Ga., on February 10, 2010. Born on August 14, 1927, Ivie lived in Brooklyn until he was 12, then moved to Morningside Drive. He graduated from the Bronx H.S. of Science. Shortly after his marriage to Leslie Jean Soper in 1951, he served briefly in the Naval Reserves. In 1959, the family settled in Harrington Park, N.J. Ivie was a volunteer fireman, Little League coach and member of the community planning board. He also helped build the Harrington Park town pool and served on election committees for local politicians. Ivie's entire professional life was as a store manager for Woolworth. He and his wife settled in Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., in 1983, then moved closer to their family in 2000. Ivie was committed to the Not in Bartow project, which provided food to poor families during the holidays, as well as Advocates for Bartow's Children, a group dedicated to helping local troubled children. Ivie also was a devoted New York Giants fan. He is survived by his wife of 59 years, children, William G. III, David A., and Susan Barrett; eight grandchildren; and brother, Robert. Memorial contributions

may be made to Advocates for Bartow's Children, Box 446, Cartersville, GA 30120.

1950

Desmond J. Nunan Sr., retired educational system administrator, Ocean City, N.J., on May 5, 2010. Born in New York City, Nunan had lived in Allentown, Pa., and summered for many years in Ocean City before moving there in 1981. At Columbia, he was a member of the crew and the Glee Club. Nunan was a teacher for the West Chester, Pa., School District for 12 years, an administrator for the Allentown School District for 16 years and most recently was with the New York State Education Department for four years before his 1992 retirement. He was a member of the American Legion Post #624 in Ocean City; past commodore of the Honorary First Defenders of Allentown, Pa.; past president of the Allentown Principals and Administrators Association; and a former member of the Ocean City Zoning Board. Nunan also was on the Cape May County Selective Service Board for 20 years and an active member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Ocean City. Surviving are his wife, Dolly; children, Desmond Jr., Christopher and his wife, Cindy, Peter and his wife, Lisa, Aiden, and Julie Ann Maloney; seven grandchildren; sister, Mora Sullivan; and sister-in-law, Frances.

1952

Vernon C. Wynott Jr., sales executive, referee, Belmont, Mass., on April 17, 2010. Wynott was a member of the Belmont H.S. Athletic Hall of Fame. He was a retired Naval officer, having served with the Beach Jumper Unit at Little Creek, Va., from 1952-55. At Columbia, Wynott was Honorable Mention All American in football. He refereed high school and college football for 35 years. Wynott was employed by Lewis-Boyle and Pillsbury in sales and was trustee of Belmont Savings Bank. His last time in public was on Thanksgiving Day 2009. It was a special day for his family, as his grandson, Michael, was playing his last high school football game, and Wynott was named honorary captain for Belmont H.S. and was at midfield for the coin toss. The ending was especially exciting, as Belmont came from behind late in the fourth quarter to win 8-7, when Michael took the snap for the extra point, faked and threw for a successful two-point conversion. Wynott was thrilled. He is survived by his wife, Sheila; sons, Vernon III, Dennis and John; sister, Dot McBride; and eight grandchildren.

Elizabeth A. Dwyer '92, Financial Executive

Elizabeth A. Dwyer, a financial executive and a member of the College's Board of Visitors since 2009, passed away on November 18, 2010. She was 40 and lived in New York City.

Dwyer was a managing director at J.P.Morgan, based in New York. She was the head of the commodity derivative sales group, Exploration and Production Companies for the Global Commodities Group, which provides corporate risk management solutions for clients hedging commodities exposure as well as market intelligence and commodity related financing. Prior to joining J.P.Morgan, Dwyer held derivative sales-related positions at RBS Sempia Commodities, Credit Suisse and AIG. She began her career at International Paper.

Dwyer also was a member of the Steering Committee of the Junior Council for the American Museum of Natural History.

"Beth was among our most loyal alumnae," said Dean Michele Moody-Adams, "a member of the Board of



Visitors, the Columbia College Alumni Association Board of Directors and the Dean's Alumnae Task Force. Her commitment to the College exemplified a generation of Columbia College women leaders. Beth's passing is a personal loss to the many of us who admired her strength and character."

Dwyer is survived by her husband, Daniel; children, Nathaniel and Alexander; and parents, William and Barbara Deruiter.

Lisa Palladino

1953

Jay A. Levine, professor, Chicago, on February 22, 2010. Levine was born in New York City in 1932. He earned a master's in 1954 from GSAS in English and comparative literature and a doctorate in English literature at The John Hopkins University. Before going to the University of Illinois at Chicago, Levine taught English literature at Chicago, UC Berkeley and Cornell. A scholar of 18th-century British literature, he chaired the English department at UIC and was dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences from 1985-95. Levine is survived by his daughter, Julia H.; brother, Neal; sister, Harriet "Sandy" Miller; former wife, Karen L.; close friend Bob Hiebert; and many nieces and nephews. Memorial contributions may be made to the Parkinson's Disease Foundation, 833 W. Washington, Chicago, IL 60607-2327.

1954

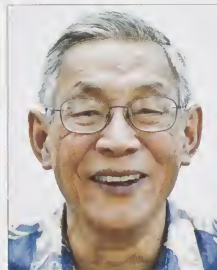
Max R. Primer Sr., retired engineer, Humble, Texas, on May 9, 2010. Primer was born on December 8,

1932, to German immigrants. He attended De Vilbiss H.S. in Toledo, Ohio, where he met his wife of 53 years, Marilyn Mae Hahn Primer, on a New Year's Eve blind date. In 1949, Primer was named All-City Quarterback and played in the Ohio North/South game. He earned a B.A. from the College and a B.S. in 1955 from the Engineering School, and lettered for four years in football. Primer was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Marine Corps, where he served as an infantry platoon leader and rifle company commander. He completed service in 1958 as a captain. Primer held positions in the food and petro-chemical industries for more than 40 years and was a football official for more than 20 years. He is survived by his wife; daughters, Deborah Lynn Primer and her husband, Greg Jarrett, Pamela Marie Bergeland and her husband, Mark, Karen Marie Primer Braaten and her husband, Mark, Sandra Kay Primer Atwood and her husband, Pat; son, Max R. "Rick" Jr. and his wife, Darla; 18 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and

OTHER DEATHS REPORTED

Columbia College Today also has learned of the following deaths. Complete obituaries will be published in an upcoming issue, pending receipt of information. Due to the volume of obituaries that CCT receives, it may take several issues for the complete obituary to appear.

- 1936** Charles R. "Captain Dick" Murray Sr., retired sales representative, Charlottesville, Va., on November 21, 2010.
- 1937** Bertram Fuchs, retired gastroenterologist, Marathon, Fla., on October 18, 2010.
- 1940** Seth G. Neugroschl, computer and technology expert, New York City, on November 4, 2010.
- 1941** Douglas L. Gruber, retired talent agency owner, Sun City Center, Fla., on October 11, 2010.
- 1942** Alan E. Baum, retired radiologist, Fort Pierce, Fla., on October 10, 2010.
- Sanford A. Bayer, antiques and fine arts dealer, Greensboro, N.C., on June 27, 2010.
- Robert E. Healy, physician, Amesbury, Mass., on October 16, 2010.
- George C. Thompson, retired Columbia professor of business law and accounting, Greenwich, Conn., on October 12, 2010.
- 1943** Albert W. Cayot, sales manager, Boxford, Mass., on November 22, 2010.
- 1944** Albert P. Ryavec, San Diego, on October 14, 2010.
- 1947** Henry G. Burger, retired anthropologist, automated word-finding expert, Overland Park, Kan., on October 14, 2010.
- Gerald S. Lesser, professor of child development, Lexington, Mass., on September 23, 2010.
- 1949** Perry E. Morrison, business executive, violinist, Pittsburgh, on August 24, 2010.
- 1951** Robert J. Archer, Portola Valley, Calif., on September 4, 2010.
- Jerome K. "Jerry" Chase, car dealership owner, Wayland, Mass., on October 29, 2010.
- Muir N. Weissinger Jr., St. Augustine, Fla., on July 2, 2009.
- 1954** Thomas E. Sinton Jr., retired business executive, Mahwah, N.J., on November 11, 2010.
- 1955** Alan D. Pasternak, consultant and lobbyist, Lafayette, Calif., on September 24, 2010.
- 1956** Joseph A. Parker, engineer, Toms River, N.J., on November 11, 2010.
- 1958** Donald Festa, retired colonel, Oakland, N.J., on October 14, 2010.
- John J. Rothschild, cardiologist, New York City, on November 4, 2010.
- Asher Rubin, retired deputy attorney general, San Francisco, on September 29, 2010.
- 1960** William V. Borden, playwright, novelist, poet and English professor, Rockwall, Texas, on October 23, 2010.
- Henry Schoenfeld, attorney, Takoma Park, Md., on September 21, 2010.
- 1961** Donald G. Roesch, retired attorney, Woodside, Calif., on September 19, 2010.
- 1962** Lawrence I. Lubkin, retired high school teacher, Tucson, on September 27, 2010.
- 1965** Garland E. Wood, financial executive, Weston, Conn., on November 15, 2010.
- 1971** Paul C. Jamieson III, former attorney, amateur chef, Stamford, Conn., on October 8, 2010.
- 1976** Mark J. Heller, business executive, Potomac, Md., on October 22, 2010.



T. Irving Chang '60

of the Hawaii Youth Symphony Association and the Hawaii Chapter of United Cerebral Palsy. After retiring in 2004, Chang focused on traveling, listening to his eclectic music collection on the Internet and trading stocks. He recently turned to tending to fruit trees, a bee hive and hibiscus plants. Chang is survived by his wife, Jocelyn (Joce); children, Allison '94 and her husband, Ivan Huang, Kimberly '95, Timothy and his wife, Gina, and Jonathan '98 and his wife, Pauline; sister, En Harriet Chang; mother-in-law, Gladys Yee; and three grandchildren.

1975

Joseph E. Slade III, physician, professor of orthopedics and rehabilitation, Guilford, Conn., on May 21, 2010. Slade was born on January 4, 1953, in Washington, D.C. He was a professor of orthopedics and rehabilitation, with a joint appointment in plastic and reconstructive surgery, at Yale University School of Medicine and was the director of the Hand and Upper Extremity Service. He joined the Yale full-time faculty in July 1993 following his training at the University of Connecticut School of Medicine, Duke and the University Miami/Jackson Memorial Medical Center. Slade then served in the Air Force during Desert Storm. He made many contributions to clinical care, including the development of new approaches to the treatment of hand and wrist fractures. Slade also lectured around the world, conducted scholarly research and authored numerous scientific articles. He is survived by his children, Joseph IV and his wife, Kimberly, and Andrew; sisters, Carol and Veronica; fiancée, Kathleen; and a granddaughter. Memorial contributions may be made to the Joseph Slade III MD Memorial Fund c/o Department of Orthopedics and Rehabilitation, Yale University, PO Box 208071, New Haven CT 06520.

Lisa Paladino



sisters, Carolyn Penland and Susan Wichman. Memorial contributions may be made to the Salvation Army, MD Anderson Cancer Center or Shriners Hospital.

1955

Bede C. Sullivan, library cataloguer, Washington, D.C., on February 22, 2010. Sullivan was a native of Chicago. He served in the Marine Corps in the 1950s. Sullivan worked for 30 years at the Library of Congress, first in the division for the blind and later as a cataloguer of foreign-language materials. He specialized in Romance languages and took classes in others, such as

Swahili and Indonesian, in order to write descriptions of books for the library's catalogue. Sullivan previously worked for the public library systems in New York City and the District of Columbia. He was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Georgetown. Survivors include his wife of 48 years, the former Carol Miller; children, Nora Mejia, Emily Dennis and Peter; a sister, and four grandchildren.

1960

T. Irving Chang, retired attorney, Honolulu, on April 1, 2010. Chang was born on October 8, 1939, in Honolulu. He attended Iolani

School and graduated from the New Mexico Military Institute in 1956. At Columbia, Chang played football. He earned a law degree from the University of Michigan in 1963, then clerked for the Honorable Jack Mizuha of the Hawaii Supreme Court. His next job was as a deputy prosecuting attorney in Honolulu. After four years, Chang opened his own practice, focusing on corporate law and bankruptcy for more than 30 years. He was the longtime chair of Columbia's Alumni Representative Committee for Hawaii and served on Columbia's national Board of Visitors. He also was the chairman of the boards

Class Notes

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Bernard Queneau '32 writes: "Way back in 1928, I was fortunate enough to be one of four Eagle Scouts selected to cross the United States on the Lincoln Highway in an REO Speedwagon as part of a promotional tour. We left Times Square on July 6 and put on scouting demonstrations several times a day at towns along the way. We reached the Golden Gate in San Francisco on August 8 and were welcomed in a formal ceremony in Lincoln Park. As a reward, we returned via Hollywood, where we met Douglas Fairbanks and Mary Pickford, visited the Grand Canyon, Pike's Peak and Niagara Falls, and completed a total of 7,000 miles.

"The year 2010 was the 100th birthday of the Boy Scouts of America, and it was celebrated on July 25 with a major parade down Constitution Avenue in Washington, D.C., with more than 100 cars, floats, Boy Scout units and bands participating. I was invited to be in the parade, riding in a replica of the 1928 REO Speedwagon.

"Beginning on July 26, the Scouts held their National Jamboree at Fort A.P. Hill in Virginia, and I was invited to be part of the festivities on August 2. I was given a V.I.P. badge and met top Boy Scout executives, including the national president, Rex Tillerson, CEO of Exxon. One of the interviews done that day is on YouTube (youtube.com/watch?v=z1j7srFVIs8).

"My wife, Esther, was always included in the invitations, and we greatly enjoyed celebrating 100 years of scouting."

David Perlman '39 was given the Helen Thomas Award for Lifetime Achievement from the Society of Professional Journalists. Perlman, the science editor at the *San Francisco Chronicle*, has been at the paper for more than 50 years. To read more about Perlman, go to college.columbia.edu/cct/nov_dec09.

Seth Neugrosch '40 passed away on November 4. A former IBM employee who ran the Computer, Man and Society University Seminar at Columbia, he was devoted to bettering humanity through the use of technology. Seth was a loyal alumnus who was his class' CCT correspondent from 1990 until shortly before his death.

Vic Streit '40 considered Pierre A.

Clamens the finest professor he had at Columbia. Clamens fostered in his students a deep appreciation of French literature and culture. When the Germans occupied France in 1940, Vic went to see Clamens and found him weeping in his office. The United States had not yet entered the conflict, but teacher and student had similar thoughts about the direction of the war and its implications for France and the United States.

While stationed at Quantico, Va., for Marine Corps officer training, Vic received a letter from Clamens. Handwritten in beautiful French, the letter still packs an emotional punch.

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Family and friends of **Len Shayne** helped him celebrate his 90th birthday on September 29. The happy affair took place at an Upper East Side restaurant in Manhattan, where Len was the principal speaker. Just 3½ weeks later, Len passed away. He was a regular at our Arden House reunions, class v.p. and the major domo of our NYC class lunches. To me, he was a very knowledgeable and helpful business associate and a very dear friend.

Len's *New York Times* obituary included the following quotation: "I loved every minute I had on earth. If you remember me kindly, do one of the good things I didn't get around to. There were so many of them." [See Obituaries.]

We also learned that **Cecil London** died in August. He was from Atlanta but lived in Greenbrae, Calif. Cecil was a magazine editor.

Gloria and Gene Sosin participated in setting some sort of record, at least for our class. Their 61-year-old daughter-in-law recently presented them with a beautiful natural-born grandchild. Thanks to **Charlie Plotz** for the reporting and congrats to the Sosins. Looking at the other end of the spectrum, I just keep my fingers crossed that my 18-year-old great-granddaughter, now at NYU, finishes college before she has my first great-grandchild.

Gene and Gloria (who met at Columbia after WWII and celebrated their 60th anniversary last June) wrote that they are grateful to **Charlie and Bob Zucker** for their warm congratulations on the birth of their granddaughter, **Mollie Moore Sosin**,

on October 6. Her brother, **Nick**, is a senior at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, N.Y., and is delighted to have a little sister.

Nick and Mollie's parents are **Gene's** son, **Donald** '76 GSAS, and daughter-in-law, **Joanna Seaton**, an actress and singer. **Donald** is an internationally known silent film composer and pianist who performs all over the United States and abroad. He recently was invited to Shanghai for its first festival of silent films and reports that the Chinese loved **Buster Keaton** and **Charlie Chaplin** as much as their own old movies. **Joanna** often accompanies **Donald** with nostalgic songs of the pre-sound era. New Yorkers can catch them at MoMA, BAM, Walter Reed AMC and the newly refurbished American Museum of the Moving Image in Astoria.

Gene continues his close ties with **Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty** despite his having retired more than 25 years ago. He has appeared on TV programs produced in Germany and Spain that deal with the role of **Radio Liberty** in the Cold War. A recent 600-page book, published by the Central European University Press in Budapest, includes **Gene's** chapter on the successful efforts of the radio in breaking through Soviet censorship with the forbidden fruit of democratic ideas. The book also includes heretofore secret documents from the archives of former Communist countries that reveal the powerful impact RFE/RL's broadcasts had on the rusted regimes, which were losing their control over the minds of their citizens. (Google "Cold War Broadcasting" for details.)

In October, **Ray Robinson** was feted at a two-month-early surprise party for his 90th birthday by a group of significant younger sports writers and broadcasters. The large, festive group was hosted by **Ernestine Miller**, head of the Babe Ruth Birthplace and Museum in Maryland. It included the head of the **Yogi Berra Museum and Learning Center**, and **HBO** and **ESPN** writers and broadcasters.

How about some news of your activities?

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On September 6, **Nick Cicchetti** sent me an interesting letter with

his comments about the article "Where Columbia Beats Harvard: On the Battlefield of Curricula," which appeared in *The Wall Street Journal* on September 3. The article reported that in football competition since 1887, Harvard beat Columbia, 54 wins to Columbia's 14. In curriculum content, however, the author of the article, **James Pierson**, president of the **William E. Simon Foundation**, praised Columbia's Core Curriculum as far more rigorous and superior to Harvard's laissez-faire undergraduate requirements. The final sentence of the essay read, "If it were a football game, Columbia would beat Harvard by several touchdowns."

I last saw **Nick** at a luncheon at the Columbia Club in NYC on December 16, 2005, where we celebrated my wife **Leslie's** 81st birthday with several classmates, including my oldest and dearest friend and Livingston Hall roommate, the late **Dr. Herbert Mark**. I did not know it then, but that was the last time I would see **Herb** alive. Soon afterward, he became acutely ill with a fatal post-operative infection after open-heart surgery and died on January 5, 2006.

At Columbia, **Nick** rowed on the lightweight and varsity crews. He earned a master's in education in 1944 and subsequently had a distinguished career as a school principal and superintendent of schools in District 11 in New York. It was good to hear from **Nick** after a hiatus of five years. See additional news in this column about **Nick** in my Homecoming report.

I was delighted to hear from **Paul Hauck** in an e-mail message on September 30, sharing with me the good news of his 90th birthday. **Paul** had just reviewed my *Class Notes* in the September/October issue, in which I discussed Columbia's great basketball teams in earlier years. **Paul**, a Phi Beta

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Kappa member of our class, with a subsequent distinguished career as an economist, recalled that he was assistant manager of the basketball team in 1941 under the fiery and temperamental coach Paul Mooney, and the much calmer head manager, the late Arthur Weinstock '41. Paul's major duties were to care for the team's dirty laundry and to assure a good supply of tape for the team. From these humble tasks, Paul, one of our most brilliant classmates, rose to prominence in his work with the Navy Department and Department of Defense. Congratulations to Paul and his entire family on this milestone. **Art Wellington** and **Dr. Gerald Klingon** recently joined Paul in the Nonagenarian Club. Let us now hope for eventual membership for Paul, Art, Gerry and other classmates in the Centenarian Club and attendance at our 70th Reunion in 2012. Long may Columbia stand!

On October 22, our Alumni Office notified me of the recent death of **George Thompson**. No further details are available at this time. George, from Greenwich, Conn., was an active undergraduate who won numerals in freshman track, was senior circulation manager for the *Columbian*, was the Debate Council photographer and was a member of Le Cercle Lafayette. George also earned degrees from the Business School, in 1943, and the Law School, in 1949, a true Columbian all the way. A more detailed obituary for George will be published in a future issue of CCT. We send condolences to George's family and friends.

On October 23, your correspondent and grandson Benjamin Hathaway '10 drove 170 miles to Witten Stadium from Northampton, Mass., for our Homecoming game versus Dartmouth. It was good to see **Bob Kaufman** (and his loyal wife, Sue, wearing wonderful Columbia earrings), and **Dr. Gerald Klingon** (with his son, Robert, and daughter, Karen). Bob reported he had heard from **Nick Cichetti**, who was unable to come to Homecoming because of a sore back. Nick says his sore back started long ago, when, as a member of the freshman crew, he was introduced to coach Glendon's special method of long layback stroking. Bob was coxswain of that crew and of the subsequent highly successful varsity crews of 1940 and 1941.

The football game featured multiple fumbles by both teams, harmful penalties against Columbia and an impressive performance by Dartmouth running back Nick Schwiager, who scored the winning touchdown in Dartmouth's 24-21 victory. Columbia has several excellent returning players, including

quarterback Sean Brackett '13 and placekicker Luke Eddy '14. Coach Norcross Wilson will graduate 26 seniors from this team, with capable replacements at all positions. Let us hope we will live to see Columbia win another Ivy League football championship (it has been a long wait since our last one, in 1961).

The *New York Times* of October 29 reported the death of **Dr. Robert E. Healy** on October 16 in Dover, N.H., at 88. Robert obtained his M.D. from Cornell Medical School in 1944. He saw active duty in both WWII and the Korean War, and then had a long career as an internist with the Mount Kisco (N.Y.) Medical Group while also serving as an s.v.p. of the Northern Westchester Medical Center. He later was a consultant for General Foods and the Joint Commission. Robert was a past president of the Westchester County Medical Society and the Westchester Division of the American Heart Association and was a trustee of the Stepping Stones Foundation. The *Times* added that Robert was a member of the Waccabuc Country Club, where he served a term as president and greatly enjoyed playing golf with members and friends.

At Columbia, Robert was a member of the Newman Club and Beta Theta Pi. Although we were in several of the same required premed classes, I did not know him very well. Oddly, and somewhat eerily, his graduation picture is immediately adjacent to mine in our Class of 1942 *Columbian*.

Robert is survived by his wife, Audrey; sister, Helen McLaughlin; children, Audrey, Tracy and Jeff; and five grandchildren. A memorial service was held on November 5 at St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Mount Kisco. We send our condolences to Mrs. Healy and to Robert's children and grandchildren. Like so many of our Columbia classmates, he had a distinguished career and was loved and respected by his family, friends and professional colleagues.

On October 31, I received an e-mail greeting from Mrs. Regina Albohn and her son, Daniel '81, expressing their regrets at missing this year's Homecoming. Regina is the widow and Daniel the son of **Arthur Albohn**. Regina and Daniel have been regular visitors to our annual Homecomings. They could not come this year because of Regina's recent medical problems, but they sent their greetings to classmates and expressed their ongoing loyalty to our Lions football team, and their anguish at our close losses to Dartmouth (24-21) and to Yale (31-28). We send Regina our good wishes for recovery from her current disabilities and hope to see her and Daniel at Homecoming 2011.

As I write this, Columbia's new men's head basketball coach, Kyle Smith, leads the Lions into their new season. [Editor's note: CCT profiled Smith in the November/December issue: college.columbia.edu/cct/nov_dec10.] It has been many years since Columbia was last able to overcome the dominance of Princeton, Penn and most recently Cornell in Ivy League basketball. We send good wishes to coach Smith and our players in their efforts to start a new era of Columbia success in the Ivy League and beyond.

Best wishes to all classmates and their families for 2011.

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I came across another prominent CC alumnus, DeWitt Clinton (Class of 1786), in my reading. His noteworthy career was highlighted in *Wedding of the Waters: The Erie Canal and the Making of a Great Nation* by Peter L. Bernstein. Clinton was largely responsible for the creation of the Erie Canal and served multiple terms as mayor of New York City and governor of New York as well as being prominent on the national scene.

My wife and I went to Appomattox Courthouse during the Labor Day weekend. I was struck by the generosity of Grant at the time of Lee's surrender. That he allowed the Confederate soldiers who owned horses to keep them "for the spring plowing" is well known. I didn't know that he directed that ample provisions be brought when Lee asked for food for his starving men. The Union soldiers also were ordered to present arms in tribute to the CSA men as they trooped by to stack their arms. These were men who had been killing each other in horrendous battles just a few days before. Grant thus presaged with his actions Lincoln's immortal, "With malice toward none, with charity for all..." in his second inaugural speech.

Al Cayot wrote saying he was sorry to read of the death of **Bill Webb**, another arer in the lightweight boat of 1939-40. **Bill Loweth**, who died on May 5, was stroke arer of the varsity heavyweight crew that same year. Al added, "Both were great Columbians and great crew men."

The 1943 Class Notes produced a happy byproduct recently. A medical school classmate of mine in Puerto Rico happened to see a

copy of CCT in the waiting room of a hospital he was visiting and noticed my name. We have started a lively correspondence as a result.

Sad news:

Bernard Amster, physician, West Hollywood, Calif., died on December 4, 2010.

Clifton C. Field Jr., retired editor and speechwriter, Brunswick, N.J., died on November 30, 2009.

Edward M. Marwell, Mount Kisco, N.Y., died on September 7, 2010.

Henry Corey, attorney, Falmouth, Mass., died on February 27, 2010.

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Your correspondent wants to bid a personal goodbye to **John Donohue** (obituary in November/December: college.columbia.edu/cct/nov_dec10), who had long kept us abreast of his retirement activities as "Mr. Democrat" in his nook of Connecticut.

On a brighter note, from New Smyrna Beach, Fla., **John T. Williams** — as far as we know, '44's only professional golfer — tells us the Professional Golfers Association of America elected him to the PGA Hall of Fame. Jack left Morningside for the WWII Navy and returned in time to graduate in '46. He "spent seven years in Venezuela as a petroleum geologist until bitten by the golf bug." He wrote, "I built a golf course in Daytona Beach in 1955 and have spent most of my time teaching. I hosted and helped Columbia's golf team during the 1960s during their winter trips to Florida. I keep in touch with some of them."

The PGA Life Member "never joined the tour, nor was tempted to," but the teaching life has evidently kept him in good shape and he remains "very active." An enviable model.

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Greetings, classmates. I'm your new class correspondent. I'd love to hear from you, and I'd also like to hear from alumni who were freshmen in '41 but adopted their graduating class after they returned from the military diaspora. I went on to P&S before 1945 and know some '41 freshmen who are alive and well but abandoned the Class of '45.

I am an 87-year-old emeritus

professor (UC California San Francisco, Department of Psychiatry). I retired at 70 but continued to see patients until I had auricular fibrillation and a series of strokes that didn't improve my short-term memory. In the first part of 2010, I was fortunate enough to get a percutaneous aortic valve transplant at Stanford. That was followed by strep *bovis* septicemia, which led them to look for, find and extirpate a colon cancer. Since then, I am doing well; no fibrillation, no strokes, hard swimming for 30 minutes. Because of neuropathy in the right leg, driving and tennis are things of the past, so I play the recorder with a group, garden and write (see *Asylum: A Mid-Century Madhouse and Its Lessons about Our Mentality Ill Today*).

Albert Rothman writes, "Sadly my close friends from CC '44-'45 are gone: John O'Connor, Les Rosenthal, Marty Shulman, Harold Samelson, maybe others? I remain alive, despite, successively, heart bypass, cancer, Coumadin-related four-plus pints of blood loss, resulting in heart attack and congestive heart failure, hip replacement, and clinical depression a year ago. Each challenge resolved. But also healthful eating, including some steak, and excellent red wine daily.

"I hike solo every few days for three to four hours and close to 1,000 ft. of climbing in semi-wilderness, for both pleasure and exercise. (Thanks, California, for the weather!)

"I feel it's a happy time of life. I'm fortunate for my loving offspring and grandchildren. Sure, I have old guy's back pains and so forth, and my spine has shortened my height five or six inches. On the plus side, I won poetry awards, my work is printed in anthologies and I published my first book; working on two more. I also am a volunteer trails patroler. I'm lucky."

Please send me any news, and pictures if they show at least two alumni.

Warning: Send me your notes or else I'll be phoning you at 9 p.m. Pacific time!

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George Levinger, professor emeritus of psychology at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst, came the

greatest distance to attend our class lunch in May. The conversations and exchanges among the assembled were particularly stimulating and provocative that afternoon. I asked George to put some of his thoughts about retirement to pen and paper. He obliged, saying, "There is a story about a man who jumps off the top of the Empire State Building. As he passes an open window, he yells to an onlooker: 'So far, so good!' And so it is with my retirement."

About retirement, he references two psychologists. One wrote: "The Golden Years: you got to be kidding." And the other emphasizes the importance of security and autonomy.

George continues: "So far my retirement experience has been mainly positive. I've adjusted my aspirations to fit my abilities and new opportunities. Although I can no longer speed-walk or run down stairs two at a time, I still bicycle and do serious yard work. I drive more defensively and sleep more assertively. I'm privileged to continue living in the resource-rich environment of Amherst and keep a department office at U of M. While I still have departmental and professional involvements, I no longer confuse my career with the rest of my life. Victor Frankl, a therapist and Holocaust survivor, argued that the meaning of one's life always changes but remains central to one's personal well-being. The meanings in my life now derive largely from contacts with family and friends, new explorations through reading and travel, and pursuing my long-term social concerns."

George has involved himself in a number of community social-issue organizations. He writes, "My most stimulating and demanding involvement has been facilitating weekend prison workshops for the Alternative to Violence Project, initiated by Quakers 35 years ago. Each weekend in the prison has been a truly cross-cultural experience; most of these inmates have had totally different life experiences and outlooks from our own."

Retired, George relishes the opportunity for he and his wife, Ann, to travel extensively. "Two months after my retirement, we spent a week in a Buddhist ashram in Bali after snorkeling in Micronesia. We've revisited my birthplace, Berlin, several times, admiring the rebuilding of this marvelous city. Especially rewarding were two three-week experiences as English language teachers with the U.S. organization Global Volunteers. We taught English for Chinese students in X'ian and three years later for Vietnamese young people in Vung Tau."

Fifty-three years after Army service in Japan, George returned and



The Class of '49 showed its Light Blue pride during Homecoming on October 23. Cheering on the Lions were (left to right) Fred Berman '49, class president; Marvin Lipman '49; and Bob Rosencrans '49.

made the professional observation that the Japanese social psychologists he met were knowledgeable about American relationship research. Of course, travel to the Far West for visits with children and grandchildren are musts for George and Ann.

"I have decided to write a memoir for our children and grandchildren to read," George adds. "I have explored family records, writings by my mother and her father, and found letters and diaries of many years ago. I was born in Germany before Hitler, went to school in three more countries, attended Columbia and then served in the Army in WWII. (And there is all that followed since.) I have much to write about."

George, you may be encouraging similar endeavors by classmates. The legacy to succeeding generations of memoirs, written or spoken, can be invaluable for preserving the relationships of a family.

I welcome responses to George's writing and would be pleased to report them in this column.

This is a reminder to set aside Saturday, June 4, to join in our 65th Alumni Reunion Weekend celebration at lunch on campus. You will receive further news and details about the event, but meanwhile, reserve the date.

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CCT thanks Bert Sussman for his two years of service as a class correspondent.

The Class of '47 is looking for a class correspondent to write a bimonthly column for CCT. If you want an open platform and a chance to reconnect with classmates, please contact Associate Editor Ethan Rouen '04j at ccr2102@columbia.edu. Until then, please send notes about your life, thoughts, travel,

family and experiences at Columbia to the postal or e-mail address at the top of the column.

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Frank Newmark recently published *Bernie: The Biography of Bernard J. Englander*, a 92-year-old WWII air hero, devoted Civil Rights worker and founder of Union Optical Plan. Copies can be purchased from Interfaith Community Services, 550 W. Washington Ave., Ste B, Escondido, CA 92025. The author will donate all proceeds to charity.

Frank's wife, Elle, is the prize-winning author of *The Book of Unholy Mischief* and, coming in April, *The Sandalwood Tree*. Both are literary historical novels published by Simon & Schuster.

The Class of '48 is looking for a class correspondent to write a bimonthly column for CCT. If you want an open platform and a chance to reconnect with classmates, please contact Associate Editor Ethan Rouen '04j at ccr2102@columbia.edu. Until then, please send notes about your life, thoughts, travel, family and experiences at Columbia to the postal or e-mail address above.

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Let's start with the extraordinary feeling of warmth and camaraderie around the table at Homecoming on October 23! Bill Lubig Fred Berman, our illustrious president, with his wife, Barbara; Marv Lipman, as effervescent as ever; Bob Rosencrans and his wife, Marge (see photo)... A special mention for one of the absentees, Gene Rossides, whose "excuse" was that

it was his birthday and he was off celebrating. Happy birthday, Gene!

One of this correspondent's earliest Columbia memories was at Baker Field [now Robert K. Kraft Field]. My brother, Bert Sussman '47, was a freshman that fall, before Pearl Harbor, and he took me to a game to watch the great Paul Governali '43.

The group was somewhat smaller this year with some of the usual stalwarts unable to make the trek, but we know they were there in spirit and their ears burning as we spoke of them fondly. You know who you are!

Heard from Art Nolan again in his continuing pursuit of the history of Professor Franz Neumann. Art is hoping some qualified historian will take up this subject for an in-depth study.

Bill Lubic, once again, provides us with correspondence of extraordinary interest, including some news of **Charley Peters**:

"I cannot remember a better organized, better attended, higher quality or more enjoyable Baker Field event. Wow! The transformation of the facilities there is really remarkable (of which I am sure few of our classmates have any idea).

"Another news item for you: My wife, Ruth, and I attended a luncheon event in D.C. for **Charley Peters**, who was present with his wife, Beth.

"Although retired from his *Washington Journal*, Charley is still in the mix. He spoke about his recently published book, *Lyndon B. Johnson*, which was described as 'sleek,' 'richly detailed' and the best one-volume work on the subject. It is full of his personal experiences, observations and opinions about the President, his contemporaries and those times. He considers LBJ to have been one of the best in terms of major legislative achievements (notwithstanding the wars). Charley sends his best to the class."

A personal note: reading in the November/December CCT item about the dedication of the Austin E. Quigley Theatre [Editor's note: See "Around the Quads: college. columbia.edu/cct/nov_dec10"], I was once again moved by this man's dedication and achievement. As a student, my forays into the dramatic arts were limited to the only avenue available, as an extra-curricular activity. Austin elevated the theatre arts to a respected pursuit on an academic level, so long in coming, for a college situated in the theatre capital of the country. One more immigrant proving the strength of our nation is in our open and welcoming arms!

At this writing, a fierce November wind is rattling the windows in our Brooklyn home. At the time you are reading this, winter is upon

us. I write with hope that the snow brings its brightness and special sounds to the city. Step carefully, spring will be here soon enough.

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A funny thing happened on the way to this column. Despite the fact that my address is prominently displayed at the head of the column in every issue, and despite the fact that I dispatched more than 30 e-mail messages to classmates to solicit items for the column, no one was willing to talk. But a correspondent is expected to report, so I am reporting that no classmate had anything to report.

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These notes contain important information about our 60th Alumni Reunion Weekend, to be held Thursday, June 2-Sunday, June 5.

The second meeting of the '51 60th Reunion Committee took place in the law offices of Mark Kaplan on November 11. The committee was joined by **Ted Borri '51E** and Alumni Office staffers **Paul Staller** from the Columbia College Fund and **Jennifer Freely** from Alumni Affairs. Ted indicated that as with our 50th reunion, the Engineering School would partner with us in developing the program events. The immediate goal for the committee is to arouse an enthusiastic response from the entire class so that the 60th reunion attendance surpasses the 165 attendees of the 50th.

There are numerous opportunities for all class members to participate in making what may prove to be our most significant reunion. Here are some of the things we need to accomplish:

1. The class e-mail address list is not current, and numerous communications are being returned as "not deliverable." Please send an e-mail message with your current e-mail address to **Jennifer Freely** at jf2261@columbia.edu so that class records can be updated.

2. Our class is divided into six geographic zones: East, Midwest, South, Texas region, Rockies and

Pacific Coast. We need a "spark plug" in each of these zones to recruit alumni to make phone calls and generally keep in touch with alumni. Don't be bashful. Please contact your class correspondent with the good news that you want to be on the team and be responsible for the zone in which you reside.

3. Recently, class members were asked to contribute \$25 to cover expenses associated with organizing this big event. To date, about 40 have sent checks. If you are not on the list, please send your voluntary contribution to class treasurer **Willard Block** at his home, 54 Cornwell Ln., Sands Point, NY 11050. Checks should be made out to Columbia College Class of '51C Reunion.

As we did with our 50th reunion, we are going to publish a *Class of 1951 Reunion Yearbook and Directory*. The page size is 8 1/2 in. x 11 in. and will be divided to provide four photos and biographies per page, each 3 1/2 in. wide x 5 in. tall. That is not a lot of space, but see what you can do to send your class correspondent, **George Koplinka**, your photo and some biographical info. Be creative: Family pictures and reunion wishes are welcome, too. To allow time for the directory's preparation, the deadline for material is Tuesday, March 1.

The Reunion Committee, headed by class president **Robert Snyder**, has made several suggestions, a number of which are contingent on how many classmates are planning to attend all or part of the 60th reunion. For example, class luncheons, cocktail parties and dinners require commitments and reservations that cannot be made until the committee gets a handle on who is attending. So, if classmates can telephone or send an e-mail message to **Jennifer Freely** (212-851-7438 or jf2261@columbia.edu) with this information, we will have a better idea on how to proceed. A substantial amount of our class participation in the 60th will revolve around the College Alumni Reunion Weekend schedule. Early registration and some events begin on Thursday, June 2, although Friday, June 3, and Saturday, June 4, are the major activity periods. Generally, our class will follow Columbia's reunion programming with exceptions to allow for our own cocktail party, class luncheons, and dinners and panel discussions. Housing is available at Carman Hall for about \$120 a night, a substantial savings over the \$250-\$300 a night in New York City hotels. Several classmates in the metropolitan area have volunteered to provide "Home Hospitality" and have classmates stay with them. Let the committee know if there is some interest with this idea, and we will try to make the necessary

connections.

The Class of '51 would like to honor all of the class members who served in the Armed Forces either before or after entering the College. Please let us know about your experiences, especially with helpful information that can be included in future CCT columns. In addition, our outstanding athletes, especially our Columbia University Athletics Hall of Fame members, will be included in reunion festivities. An opportunity exists to display Columbia '51 memorabilia, so if you have some items, please contact your class correspondent.

Finally, reunions such as our 60th provide an outstanding opportunity for a class gift of major proportion. The committee has recommended a goal of \$51,000, obviously the significant number to tie in with our class year. **Mark Kaplan** and **Willard Block** are heading the subcommittee to contact classmates about their contributions. Please be generous!

Many thanks to the dedicated classmates who regularly have been attending Reunion Committee meetings. These include **Bob Snyder**, **Mark Kaplan** and **Willard Block**, all of whom have been mentioned in this column, as well as **Dave Berman**, **Myron Winick**, **Robert Flynn**, **Elliot Wales** and **Bob Osnow**.

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Happy New Year to all the members of the Class of 1952. I hope you enjoyed the holidays and the warmth and laughter of friends and family. Perhaps the November election results were pleasing to you and therefore you will have even more to smile about. But pleased or not, the people have spoken, and the democratic process continues with strength and vigorous health.

Most of us are octogenarians, and we can use some of that strength and vigorous health ourselves. The earth spins on its axis and Father Time is unstoppable. Let's take our vitamins, get enough sleep, eat plenty of broccoli, do some exercise daily, think pleasant and positive thoughts, count our blessings and hope for the best.

Claude Thomas writes: "I surrendered my active California medical license in September. So I guess, except for prescribing for family, I'm finally retired. I formally left academia (UC/LA) in 1993 with the title of professor emeritus (psychiatry and biobehavioral sciences, David Geffen School

of Medicine), a euphemism for unemployed. I recently published *Your Personal Power Up*, a business book co-authored with Dr. Brenda McGlowan-Fellows, my last graduate student. Union Graduate School gives a very different message from Prizzi's Honor. ("This is America. You see a dollar, you go after it!") Shelton is the publisher.

"I didn't know about **Charlie Jacobs'** website (retirement-writing.com).

"I will try to be proactive, working with my son, Dr. Jeffrey Thomas '83, '87 P&S, a stroke neurosurgeon, on the board of his emerging San Francisco-based Stroke Shield Foundation, and continue board work with the Bay Area Foundation for Human Resources. I also will offer (probably unwanted) advice of the kibbitzing variety to my daughter, Julie Goggin '82 Barnard, '86 GW Law, now CEO of Entelos; to my grandson Alex '12; and to my granddaughter Selin '13 Boston University.

"My wife, Carolyn, and I recently returned from Turkey, where we had a great tour. We missed **Henry Herman Kramer** and his wife, Carol, who couldn't make it. (Henry is still active as president of the International Nuclear Medicine Society.) The year before, we had a great tour to India with Bob Vidaver '53 and his wife, Virginia. Bob recently retired from his post as superintendent of New Hampshire Hospital but is still professor of psychiatry at Dartmouth and filling in where and when needed.

"We're aiming for Vietnam come February. We have great curiosity about the forging nature of the Vietnamese."

Bob Muscat writes: "With my Manhattan home only a short walk from the campus, Columbia was an obvious first choice. Ever since, I have felt that I lucked out, especially with the Greek classics courses of Moses Hadas, logical positivism under Ernest Nagel and later, as a Columbia Ph.D. economics student, mentorship under Albert Hirschman. I also attended the Journalism School on the way.

"As a development economist, I worked for the U.S. Agency for International Development during its halcyon days. Within weeks of being hired, I married and flew off for a career and residence in Thailand, Malaysia, Brazil, Kenya and Washington, D.C. Subsequent work as an independent consultant for the World Bank, UN agencies and USAID took me to many other countries, some not so pleasant. I've written books and articles, including a book on Thai development I authored while a visiting scholar at Columbia's Weatherhead East Asian Institute, published by

CU Press (Thailand and the United States). In recent years, I fell into work and research on problems of violent conflict and post-conflict reconstruction in developing countries. One product was *Investing in Peace: How Development Aid Can Prevent or Promote Conflict*, published by ME Sharpe in 2002. I'm also active in a small nonprofit, Global Peace Services. If interested in innovative ideas for peace education, see our website, globalpeace-services.org.

"My wife, Juliette, attended CCNY and has had a career equally varied. We have two sons and a daughter, all born in exotic places. We live in Timonium, Md., north of Baltimore."

David Kettler writes: "I was a pretty marginal member of our class, a commuter from Jersey City for the first two years, left-wing in politics, off to Graduate Faculties after our third year, but I register many of the names, salute the accomplishments and regret the passings as I browse these reports from time to time. And I now have a specific question to ask: Does anyone have recollections of taking a College class with Franz L. Neumann? I think he may have taught one or two courses during our years, perhaps jointly with C. Wright Mills or Charles Frankel, but I'd be very glad to hear about any such class. With a young historian as collaborator, I am finally writing a long-overdue book on Neumann, and his Columbia teaching is important to it.

"To my good fortune, I am able to remain an active faculty member at Bard College, where I am listed as 'research professor' in political studies, teach one or two courses a year and receive support for my reading and writing. If anyone is interested in the work I do, respectable journeyman labor, there is a lot of material on my website, bard.edu/contestledlegacies, with a link to 'works' with a lot of articles and book chapters, including a recent piece on 'My Six Teachers,' a list that recalls both Frankel and Neumann. With my wife, Janet, retired as international student adviser at Bard, I live in Rhinebeck, N.Y. I have three adult daughters: Ruth is v.p. for health policy at the New York Academy of Medicine, Katherine is a partner in a women's law firm in Berkeley and Hannah is a senior program officer with the Global Health Program at the Gates Foundation. There also are four grandchildren."

Howard Hansen sent this message: "We lost a most loyal classmate in **Vern C. Wynnot Jr.** on April 17. Vern and I had an unusual history. First and foremost, he was a great football teammate to all the team members. He and I were running mates in the same backfield for

freshman and three varsity seasons.

"At Lou Little's recommendation, we both joined the Naval Reserve (136th Street and Hudson River) so we wouldn't get drafted out of Columbia before graduation in 1952. We spent two summers attending OCS via the Reserve Officer's Corps Program in California-Treasure Island and Terminal Island. When he married the love of his life, Sheila, I was fortunate to be in his wedding party.

"The influence of then-assistant football coach Capt. Phil Bucklew, who was activated as commanding officer of Beach Jumper Unit, Little Creek, Va., and the amphibious base enabled Vern and me to end up running mates again for two more seasons. Filling out the all-Ivy backfield was ex-Yale all-star quarterback Stu Tisdale and Penn halfback Noel Schmidt. Other Columbia teammates joining the 'GATORS' were **Bill Wallace** and **John Guerrero** '53 in addition to Cornell all-star guard Frank Vitale.

"We all had a great all-around experience at Little Creek made possible by Phil, who was one of the most decorated heroes of WWII. He was one of the original 10 Scouts And Raiders, which subsequently became known as Frogmen and now SEALs. He was Vern's commanding officer at Little Creek.

"**Bill Wallace** and brother Bob Wallace '53 were the last of our teammates to visit with Vern and Sheila over lunch on the west coast of Florida on March 30, 2008. The next day he had a stroke.

"**Tackle Tom Federowicz** said it the best: Found for pound, Vern was the toughest player on our team. Amen!" [Editor's note: See Obituaries.]

Fred Phillips sent the following: "I am glad to report that I've had a very interesting time since that day in June 1952 when we all received our diplomas from the world's greatest college and some of us also were commissioned in the world's greatest Navy."

"The Navy instantly sent me to Athens to join a ship operating in the Mediterranean, then the North Atlantic and subsequently the Pacific for a couple of tours off Korea and points south including the Philippines, Taiwan and Vietnam in the period before direct U.S. involvement. In fact, I found a home in the Navy. Except for some personal, built-in need to keep moving on, I probably would have opted to stay in the service for the long haul.

"Instead, I happily moved on by returning to Columbia's J-School and then to United Press (later United Press International) in New York; was sent to London as a correspondent; returned to Washington, D.C., to work for an aviation

and space magazine; joined the government as press officer for the supersonic transport plane that never was built; went to work writing speeches for the Secretary of Commerce under President Johnson; and served for some years as public affairs director at the Smithsonian Institution.

"Punctuating this series of experiences (and terminating an endless sentence), I headed to Europe again for a year, studying history, literature, art and such at the Complutense University of Madrid in Spain. After that, I came home to conclude my professional (read: gainfully employed) career with an amazingly swift 20 years as a man-of-all-work editing a magazine, other publications and writing the bosses' speeches at Martin Marietta, now Lockheed Martin Corp., in Bethesda, Md.

"I conclude on a personal note because it seems the right thing to do. Back when United Press sent me to London, I met and married a remarkable English girl, Mary, who became the glorious center of my personal universe for the next 52 years. She passed away a few months ago of a merciless pancreatic cancer. The only solace is that it's been a great ride all these years. I'd do every bit of it again in a New York minute and so would Mary."

Thank you all for your contributions and best wishes for the New Year. I am in Florida, but my e-mail address remains the same.

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On November 10, Barnard College celebrated Margaret Mead '23 Barnard by dedicating a permanent installation of archival photographs that were taken by our celebrated classmate **Ken Heyman**, who traveled the world with Mead for 20 years. Ken was the featured speaker at the event. The exhibit can be seen in the Reading Room of Lehman Hall on the Barnard campus.

In an article published in *ARTINFO*, Ken explained how he came to work with Mead. "I was a terrible student. I only got into Columbia because my father was connected to the place, but when I got there I wanted to work with the most famous professor, and that was Margaret Mead. In the first course I took with her, she said to us, 'I can't grade all your papers, but if any of you have any other abilities, like photography, then you can include them in your paper.' At that time, I was doing social work in Harlem with a group of 7-8-year-olds and included pictures of that with my paper. In

the last week of the course, Dr. Mead called me into her office. I got my first A, and she asked me to take a graduate anthropology course.

"A year after I graduated, she asked me, 'Ken, would you like to go to Bali with me? Just the two of us.' It was so monumental that it didn't register. The next morning, I woke up and phoned her. 'Dr. Mead, did you ask me to go to Bali with you?' She said, 'Yes, godamnit. And you didn't answer. I thought you didn't want to go.'"

When asked what was the most important thing Ken learned from Mead, he replied, "That you can affect the world. She certainly did."

There's a wonderful anecdote about Ken and Andy Warhol that you might enjoy. It seems that years ago, Ken had gone to a party and was sitting at a table with a woman who would later become his wife. At the time, she was a soap opera star and had the lead in *As the World Turns*. Andy was sitting at the same table and was thrilled to be able to ask questions about what was going to happen on the show the following week. The day after the party, the woman who had thrown the party called Ken and asked him whether he had any work for the strange, starving artist who had been sitting at his table. Ken had an extra bathroom that needed painting and Andy offered to do the work. When Ken returned home that evening, he found that Andy had painted a calico cat on the toilet seat. A few years later, the apartment burned down and Ken recalls thinking, "I should have kept the toilet seat!"

Ken lives in Greenwich Village. He has five children and 10 grandchildren.

Congratulations, Ken, for your life of outstanding achievements. In a delightful phone conversation, Dan Epstein told me that he had exercised a professional option by going to the Dental School in his senior year. In 1956, he went on active duty with the Air Force and spent two years in Great Britain. He and Ellen have been married 54 years and have four children and eight grandchildren. After completing two years in the Air Force, Dan practiced dentistry in Brooklyn for 50 years. Since retiring, he has taken up woodworking at their second home in Lakeville, Pa. When I asked him what he has built lately, Dan told me that he had recently finished a beautiful wine rack, which he and Ellen needed because every afternoon at three or four o'clock, they have a glass of wine. Amazingly, Ellen learned to play the violin eight years ago. She and Dan play tennis and enjoy waterskiing and snow skiing. Dan promises that he and Ellen will attend our 60th reunion!

Despite being confined to a wheelchair, **Howard Petebone** is playing his instrument and practicing daily. He wants to be good enough to play at our 60th reunion in two years. Howard reports that his wife, Barbara, still is physically active at 76. She goes to a health and fitness center to exercise and ride a bicycle. With his usual zest and sense of humor, Howard told me he spends his time watching TV and lifting weights to delay the inevitable.

Talking to **Rolon Reed's** wife, I learned that sometime in July, Rolon broke his right hip and right arm. He also lives with a terrible case of emphysema, which means he is always out of breath and in a wheelchair. Knowing how much Rolon was addicted to cigarettes, I asked whether he had given up nicotine and was amazed to learn the following: After Rolon had spent several months in a hospital, his doctors decided that it was time to move him to an assisted living facility. Rolon agreed but only if his wife could find a place that would allow him to smoke 24 hours a day, seven days a week. His wife reports that after searching Florida facilities, she found one that allowed patients to smoke whenever they wished. As a result, Rolon spends his time on the porch of a huge Victorian house with a burning cigarette in one hand and a book in the other. He claims that besides visits from his wife, these days smoking is the only thing he gets to enjoy.

Several months ago, George Lowry sent me photographs that were taken at our wonderful 55th reunion. Many thanks, George!

In a recent e-mail, George indicated that he had a patch of health problems last summer but now is OK. George developed something called pseudogout in every joint. He surmises that if he had gone to Harvard, he would have developed real gout. To cure a urinary infection and a kidney stone, George spent two months in and out of hospitals. Thankfully, he is now back at work four days a week, which he claims keeps him out of trouble. He's quite active at the Garrison [N.Y.] Art Center and continues to be the "institutional memory" at Swann Galleries.

Keep getting better and better, George, and bear in mind our 60th reunion is coming in 2013. A class reunion would never be the same without you.

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While there are many events and accomplishments regarding our

classmates individually, we as a class have made contributions to Columbia College in which we can take pride. One of these is our support of the Columbia College Alumni and Parent Internship Fund which, during this past year, provided funds for three College students to use as they worked at unpaid internships during summer break: Brandon Cole '11, who interned with the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office; Quijie (Juliana) Guo '11, who interned at the New York Lawyers for Public Interest; and Stephanie Carvajal '12, who interned at Rep. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen's Washington, D.C., office. Perhaps their response was best summarized by Stephanie, who wrote **Peter Ehrenhaft**, "Your contribution makes a huge difference in the lives of students like me who would otherwise not be able to take advantage of an unpaid internship."

Al Grayzel attended his 60th high school reunion (Midwood H.S.). He retired from MIT in 1993. Al decided that he would rather be skiing so he relocated to Park City, Utah. He is happily married, and he and his wife, Lynda, are settled in that great state. Al has three children and five grandchildren. Aside from skiing, Al and Lynda are involved in sea kayaking, tennis and fly fishing.

George Goldstein had a great trip to France and was able to get out just prior to the worst of the "industrial actions."

Dick Hobart has been enjoying life in both upstate New York and in Florida. He has been active in boating and maintains his involvement in his work. Dick has a large number of good friends who, along with him, were and are active members of Beta Theta Pi. They have reunions up north and down south.

Arnie Tolkin continues to travel around the world with his good wife, Barbie. They recently returned from the Savannah Film Festival, which they found most enjoyable. They are now scheduled to leave for Rome and then cruise back to Miami.

Ed Cowan and his wife, Ann Louise, have been traveling all over the country. Ed was and is a great journalist. He is developing a new facet to his career: reviewing plays. Ed and Ann Louise summer in Whitefield, N.H., where the Weatherlane Theatre puts on seven shows in repertory each season. Ed reviews several of the performances for the weekly *Cross County Democrat*. As Ed puts it, "For this reporter who was taught, starting at *Spectator*, to stick to the facts, it is a little difficult to come right out and express an opinion, but I'm learning how." Ed and

Ann Louise also have been visiting Major League Baseball parks. They have covered just about all of the parks and are now considering whether they will visit cities that have built new parks.

I last saw **Bill Scales** at our last reunion. He looked great then, and based on the following must look even better now. He wrote that he married last spring, to Mary Alice Liggett of Cottonwood, Ariz. They met when they were sophomores in college and were working during the summer in Yellowstone Park. Since Mary Alice went back to school in Nebraska, their paths diverged. They both married but kept in touch. Both of their spouses died a few years ago. They got together a year ago and "pow," they were married in March. Bill and his bride live in Clarkdale, Ariz., and "life is rosy."

Bill is a wonderful guy, and part of my happiness for him relates in part to the fact that I too found a wonderful lady. The two of us had wonderful marriages but lost our spouses about five years ago. On December 18, Deborah Davis and I were married and like Bill, I feel that life is rosy.

I also was happy to hear from **Jack Bloom**. A number of our classmates became clergymen. Jack is a great case in point, but he goes beyond what we usually expect. He has published a number of books and is an adviser and mentor to young rabbis.

I want to thank my classmates who answered my cry for help. Please keep the information coming.

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One of the key initiatives this year for the University Senate is Manhattanville, where construction has begun west of Broadway and north of 125th Street. The Mind-Brain building will be one of the first structures to go up, with new homes for SIPA, the Business School and the School of the Arts filling the first phase of the new campus. The newest building to "hit" the Morningside campus is the science structure on the corner of West 120th Street and Broadway. This edifice will be in full operation this spring. President Lee C. Bollinger will be around to see the "fruits of his labors," as he has "re-upped" for another five years as president of the University. On the academic front, our outstanding faculty continue to make appearances at Café Science (PicNic Café) where noted physicist Tanya Zeelevinsky talked about "Physics Near the Absolute

Zero" and synthetic organic chemist Scott Snyder discussed "Red Wine: Turning a Beverage into a Pill." There is more to come in 2011!

The Columbia University Club in midtown Manhattan, with its increasing membership, draws many Columbians to its lectures and events with key speakers, not only from the administration and faculty but also from the "outside world." A most popular attraction is "speed dating," which should be discussed at another time. The annual Alexander Hamilton Award Dinner was held in Low Library on November 18, in which the turn-out, honoring Michael Rothfeld '69, included **Don Laufer** (coordinator of the monthly class dinners held in restaurants around the greater New York City area). Other noted interesting events for our classmates and other alumni will be the men's basketball team appearance in late February at Penn, Global Community Outreach around the world in March and a special Symposium with President Bollinger in Washington, D.C., in early April. Details to follow.

The monthly class dinners have almost taken on a life of their own, with more and more classmates, especially from the greater New York, New Jersey and Connecticut area, attending. Familiar "oldies but goodies" who have recently made their appearance to toast other '56ers are **Bob Brown**, **Larry Balfus**, **Bill Epstein**, **Alfred Gollomp**, **Bob Sparrow**, **Herb Cohen**, **Marty Dubner**, **Tony Di Santo**, **Mort Rennett**, **Don Laufer**, **Al Martz**, **Chuck Solomon**, **Elliot Gross** and **Ron Spitz**. There are more who drop in from time to time: **Anthony Viscusi**, **Stan Zinberg**, **Dick Kuhn**, **Stu Kaback**, **Bob Schiff** et al. **Norm Goldstein**, who made a cameo appearance at the 55th reunion, has let us know that he serves patients not only in the Queen's Medical Center in Honolulu but also in Midtown Manhattan as well. He sends "Aloha" to all!

We've received some kind words from our old captain of the heavy-weight crew, **Terry Doremus**. Terry, who is retired, lives in New Jersey. Rochester, N.Y.'s own **Beryl Nussbaum** called recently to get his quarterly update on Columbia athletics — it is tough to cover 31 sports in a phone conversation, but we did it.

While meandering through a couple of Columbia University Club events, your roving reporter ran into **Roland Plottel** and **Allen Hyman**, who looked chipper and full of energy, enjoying themselves to the fullest. **Bob Thonus** and **George Raitl** have been in touch, as they do from time to time. It is hoped that their schedule will loosen up so they can attend our

next reunion in 2015. Not only is **Barry Pariser** working at his old practice, he is now at the VA part-time filling his days fruitfully. He will be appearing in a book, *Ripley's Believe It or Not!: Special Edition 2010*, with the toothpick Ferris wheel and railroad arch bridge he built a couple of years ago. He will send the structure to a museum in Orlando for display purposes. Another classmate who is thriving is **Ed Goldberg**, a professor at Tufts Medical School in the Department of Molecular Biology. Ed and his family reside in Newton Centre, Mass. Further south on the New England Thruway in Simsbury, Conn., is **Low Banci**, retired, formerly senior communications manager at Chase Bank in Manhattan.

A sad note to report: **Alan Pasternak**, in Lafayette, Calif., has passed away. Our condolences go to his family and friends. He will be missed.

Dear fellow Columbia classmates, take good care of yourselves. A little exercise would be nice. A balanced diet would fit into your regimen. Remember, the 60th is looming. Love to all, everywhere!

REUNION JUNE 2-JUNE 5

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At the first reunion year class events, five members of our class attended Homecoming on October 23: **Alan Broadwin**, **Ed Botwinick**, **Stan Klein**, **Mark Novick** and **Len Wolfe**. Even though Columbia lost, it was an exciting game to watch, as Len reports, and he agrees that Columbia has an exciting quarter-back this year.

A number of our classmates, including myself, attended the Columbia-Cornell football game on November 13. I was looking forward to seeing my first Columbia football game of the season, since I was in Hawaii during Homecoming, and I was not disappointed. The game was not only one of the most exciting Columbia games I have seen but also we won (in the last 37 seconds) and then sealed the victory with a recovered onside kick.

Also, on November 11, we had our first fall class luncheon, which **Len Wolfe** hosted at the Yale Club. In addition to Len and myself, in attendance were **Mark Novick**, **Alan Press**, **Dan Link**, **Al Franco**

'56E and **Ralph Kaslick**. Missing were **Ron Kapon**, who was doing a wine-related magazine interview, and **Bob Laterbourn**, who thought he might have been able to make it, since he was scheduled to pass through New York on his return from visiting India with his wife. It was a pleasant luncheon, exploring many topics, including that "age-old question," who is the youngest member of our class? We all think it is **Buz Paaswell**. We also found out from Len how committing the prologue to *The Canterbury Tales* to memory in high school helped his career at *Time-Life* (he will recite it at our reunion if we would like).

Class news:

Donald Horowitz, a Brooklyn boy now living in Seattle, has received the 2010 Award of Merit from the Washington State Bar Association. This award is given to an individual in recognition of long and outstanding service to the legal community. Don, who graduated from Yale Law, was a Superior Court judge in Seattle. He is active as a trustee and director of many Seattle-based legal organizations. He also mentors and works with community youths, law students and young practicing lawyers. He is an example of the value of a Columbia education.

Congratulations, Don.

Hal Powell contacted me to be included in our class e-mailing. As he says, the subjects and rhetoric of our correspondence always are interesting. Hal is retired and lives in King of Prussia, Pa., with his wife, Anne. While keeping active with hunting, skiing, fishing and four-wheeling, he manages to do some consulting for former customers in the commercial pump business. Sounds like a good, well-rounded retirement life.

Taylor Thompson, in an e-mail regarding our 1952 Columbia football game against Army, which we tied, relates how he was waiting tables and was asked by Mrs. Eisenhower if he wanted his program signed by her husband, then president of Columbia (later to be U.S. President). Taylor now has a memento of a "moment in history to remember," as he puts it. **Jerry Breslow**, who was in the marching band, also shared some of his memories of that day. These are some of the memories we should bring to our 55th reunion.

Bob Siroty, also retired, has taken to traveling, and has visited all seven continents. He also takes continuing education courses in history, literature and photography.

Answer to last pop quiz: The Alumni Office only had the statistics for percentage of class members from the tri-state (New York, New Jersey, Connecticut) area. They are

45.6 percent for our Class of '56 and interestingly, 47.8 percent for the Class of 2011. I estimate that about a third of those come from the New York City public schools. I will fill you in if I get more information.

Reunion news and events:
The format of our 55th reunion has been outlined, although not finalized. It will start Thursday, June 2, and end on Sunday, June 5. Thursday will be for meeting and greeting and for classmates who want to make an extended weekend of it. There will be available for purchase theater tickets to shows that otherwise may not be available, so those interested should start planning now. Saturday is Dean's Day and is for all alumni, not just those in reunion classes, with choices of lectures by Columbia faculty. As a reunion class, we do not pay for lectures. For all of us who have come to like and look forward to Dean's Day, this gives us a double dose, so let's take advantage of it.

For Friday evening, Saturday lunch and Saturday dinner, we will have class-specific events, on which the Reunion Committee is working. Sunday will be an all-class brunch. I am working with the Alumni Office as to the cost, which I pledge to make reasonable. There is a 10 percent discount if you sign up by Sunday, May 1 (reunion.college.columbia.edu).

College fundraising activity:
The Columbia College Fund Leadership Conference, which is an annual meeting of Class Agents, was held on November 6 and attended by **Dan Link**. As he reports, Dean Michele Moody-Adams was interviewed by Julie Menin '89, a television news commentator, as to her views on a number of subjects. The dean's views emphasized "need-blind admissions" (hence our scholarship program effectiveness) and the importance of the Core Curriculum.

Danny later spoke to the dean, who remembered our class and expressed her condolences for our loss of **Alan Miller**.

With respect to fundraising, there were several sessions, including one on "Reunion Giving," and another on "Making the Ask." Ways of connecting giving with feeling for the College and our reunion year were discussed. When you get a call to contribute, please respond as generously as you can.

As I have said before, this hopefully is the year where the stock market recovers, our 401ks start to feel and look like 401ks and our feelings about giving to Columbia increase with our age. It also will be a continued blessing to the students whom we are supporting.

I am again asking all class mem-

bers who want to keep in touch to update their e-mail addresses by contacting **Lou Hemmerdinger** at lhemmer@aol.com. This seems to be the best way to stay in touch with the majority of our class members. Please keep in contact with Columbia in whatever ways you feel appropriate, as I believe that it has been a force and power in our lives.

Until my next column, wishing for a winter season of Columbia teams winning and health and good fortune for all our class members.

Share your news with me at tbhall8000@earthlink.net, and I will make sure it gets in a future column.

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Sandra and Dick Cohen met Edie and Art Bernstein "for a four-day vacation visit during the first week of October, wherein they explored the delights of Chicago. The Cohens, from San Francisco, and the Bernsteins, from Setauket, Long Island, met halfway in between their homes to enjoy the art museums, architecture, fine dining and blues of that terrific city, where neither couple had previously spent non-professional meeting time. It was a fabulous reunion with perfect weather and happy reminiscences," Dick said.

"Later in the month, Sandra and I had the pleasure of hearing biblical scholar Robert Alter read from his new book, *The Wisdom Book: Job, Proverbs, and Ecclesiastes: A Translation with Commentary*, a most scholarly and exciting publication."

Dick also tells us that he was "selected to be Ball Dude on the field for Game 1 of the World Series." [Editor's note: CCT profiled Cohen in May 2004: college.columbia.edu/cct_archive/may04/].

Martin Brothers: "Well, I tried. But only eight of our classmates responded expressing interest in an occasional, alternate [to the University Club] venue and format for our luncheon get-togethers, such as the Columbia Alumni Center; and they are not enough to justify setting a date and arranging for the room and lunches and a topic to generate lively conversation."

Marty Fisher: "The following 18 members of our class showed up at our bimonthly luncheon, hosted as usual at the University Club by Ed Weinstein, on September 20, the last full day of summer. It is worthy of note how many of our 'Boys of Summer' are drawn from the professions. Perhaps that is the root cause of the camaraderie we continue to have in the seventh

or eighth full year of having these luncheons.

"Dr. George Lutz, internal medicine; Martin Brothers, law; Ed Weinstein, accounting; Mike Lipper, finance; Carlos Muñoz, banking; Dr. Ted Dwyer, cardiology and basketball; Dr. Paul Zola, clinical psychology; Dr. Alan Brown, neurology; Mark Stanton, law; Sal Franchino, law; Neil McLellan, education; Dr. Art Meyerson, psychiatry; Bob Klipsch, law; Dr. Dave Kinne, surgery and wrestling; Marty Fisher, computer technology; Steve Fyish, education; Pete Anker, finance; and Al Fierro, law."

Mac Gimse, professor emeritus of art, St. Olaf College, Dundas, Minn., had an exhibit of his sculpture "on November 13, at 3 p.m. in the KGB Design Studio at 555 W. 25th St. (West Chelsea district). The K and G are David Khouri and Roberto Guzman '84, '87 Arch. Most of the work was done to honor Nobel Peace Prize laureates who were invited to St. Olaf and received the bronzes.

"The theme of my show was *Expressions of Peace in Sculpture and Poetry*. Most of the work was created to honor eight Nobel Prize laureates, presented to them during five different Nobel Peace Prize forums at St. Olaf College in Minnesota, where I have been teaching since 1970.

"This exhibit was sponsored by the St. Olaf College Alumni Club of New York, and they gathered that day for my presentation. Anyone was welcome.

"The St. Olaf alumni were kind to invite me for this event. I stayed on in NYC until November 21, and it was my pleasure to invite Columbia classmates to the exhibit and to have lunch in the West Chelsea area.

"I was one of the Columbia National Scholars as a freshman in 1934, a lonely lad from Minot, N.D. Many of you befriended me, took me under your wing, brought me to your homes for a real meal and introduced me to the magic of NYC. I loved Columbia and was thrilled to be in Blue Key. I returned to Columbia during a sabbatical in 1991-92 as a National Endowment for the Humanities Visiting Scholar in the Asian Institute. Through the years, I have been teaching Asian art, sculpture and architecture. In 2010, I taught 90 St. Olaf students in Japan and 30 St. Olaf alumni in Spain. What could be more fun?

"All seven of my grandchildren have been sung to sleep with 'What if tomorrow brings, sorrow or anything.' Growing up, I knew the goal of education was to take learning into life. At Columbia I discovered that the purpose of a liberal arts education is to take a

love of learning into life. Columbia gave me the Core with a passion to learn and the academic tools to teach. I am forever grateful.

"A family wedding fell on the day of our 50th Columbia reunion, and I have been suffering ever since. Gary Angleberger and Ed Heiser kindly met me in Green Lake, Wis. (Ed and Jane's summer home), to save my wounded spirit."

Steve Ronal and yours truly attended their 50th Yale Law School (Class of 1960) reunion the weekend of October 8-10 in New Haven, Conn. The events included, among others, an all-alumni dinner and an all-alumni luncheon, class dinners, and farewell brunches and panel discussions on science and the three branches of government, the CSI effect (criminal proof), the next technological revolution, "My Not So Private Life," and generations of environmental law. Steve and his wife, Natalie, gave the farewell brunch for the Class of 1960 in their lovely home in North Haven.

Gene Wagner: "September 25 was our fourth luncheon at beautiful Gladstone's Long Beach in California. Present were Gene Wagner, John Ahouse, Ken Bodenstein, Mike Gold, John Tausig, Lew Schainuck, Jonathan Lubin and Ken Silvers.

"Our topic of conversation was: Since we are 53 years out from graduation and most of us did not know each other during our college days, what is prompting us to want to get together four times a year and make connections at this point of our lives?

"Our conclusion was that we are all connected to our pasts, and we each hold ourselves to a special frame of time that we refer to as the Good Old Days. They certainly were good old days. Our group has become tightly knit and certainly has become more comfortable with each meeting."

While in New York the weekend of October 22-25 for a family wedding reception, yours truly met Martin Brothers, Marty Fisher, Carlos Muñoz and Ed Weinstein for lunch on Friday. Discussion was most lively and centered on the upcoming elections. Monday, yours truly met Kathleen and David Kinne for lunch. Among other things, we discussed David's activities as a docent at the Metropolitan Museum of Art and at Carnegie Hall. After lunch, we walked to Carnegie Hall, where David gave us a guided tour of the museum, which has photographs of artists who have performed there and in some cases lived in apartments over the hall. Particularly moving were exhibits on Isaac Stern's successful efforts to halt plans to demolish Carnegie Hall in favor of a modern

skyscraper. Indeed, it brought to mind the campaign to save Old Innesides from destruction.

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"A fellow of infinite jest, of most excellent fancy."

—Hamlet

Asher Rubin died on September 30 of brain cancer. He is survived by his wife, Diane; son, Jacob '06; and daughter, Shaina '09.

Asher's father was a Hebrew teacher in Liberty, N.Y., in the Catskills. He grew up with four brothers, Emanuel, Mordecai, Joseph 'Yussel' '60 and Abba '63, and a mother who threatened to trade him for one of Eddie Cantor's daughters.

Asher was part of the '58 contingent at Harvard Law School. Yussel's time at Harvard overlapped with Asher's. At a public gathering, Asher told the formidable estate planning professor James Casner that his younger brother was "bitterly disappointed that he was not being called on enough in class."

From law school, Asher went on to an internship in the law offices of Melvin Belli, the flamboyant "King of Torts," and then decided for Justice Thomas P. White of the California Supreme Court. Next he joined the California Attorney General's office, where he spent virtually all of his career as a deputy attorney general, except for brief interludes in the Office of the General Counsel of the Peace Corps and on the public relations staff of The Weizmann Institute of Science in Israel.

At the AG's office, Asher argued two cases before the U.S. Supreme Court and many more before the California Supreme Court. He represented President S.I. Hayakawa (later a U.S. senator) during the bitter student strike in 1968-69 at San Francisco State University.

Asher couldn't restrain himself, even in court. When an opposing lawyer applied to the Court of Appeals for permission to submit a brief that would exceed the allowed page limit, Asher filed a short reply: "The appellants think it not fit to have their brief reduced to fifty." Asked by a federal court judge whether he should recuse, he replied, "Right here in front of everybody?" And when George Deukmejian was attorney general and Asher asked another federal judge for extra time to file his brief, the judge hesitated, commenting: "What do you people in the Attorney General's office do all day?"

Asher replied: "Well, we spend most of our time trying to spell Deukmejian." The judge granted him a 45-day extension.

Asher was extremely proud of his family's accomplishments. When Diane became president of the local CPA society, he decided that he would like to be addressed as "First Dude." And both of his children graduated from the College.

Your reporter knew him before we arrived at Columbia, having met him at a high school journalism conference. Since we lived on the same floor of Livingston Hall for a couple of years, I had a good view of the escapades for which Asher and his roommate and friend for life, **Al Shine**, were famous. Asher's exuberance makes it almost impossible to comprehend that he's gone.

Some of this biographical information was drawn from a tribute put together by his family for his funeral.

The Class Lunch is held on the second Wednesday of every month, in the Grill Room of the Princeton/Columbia Club, 15 W. 43rd St. (\$31 per person). E-mail **Art Radin** if you plan to attend, up to the day before: aradin@radinlunch.com.

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I will take a few words to thank those of you who respond to my requests for contributions to the Class Notes. Your efforts are very much appreciated by your classmates and by me. For those of you who do not get my e-mails, I request that you send your e-mail address to nmgc59@gmail.com. I will not give it to anyone without your permission.

I thought that this was going to be a short column and I pleaded for more contributions. I was overwhelmed by the response and will be compelled by CCT to use some of them for the next issue.

Occasionally I miss a contribution in the huge pit that is my inbox. If you have submitted something and it has not appeared, let me know, and perhaps I can retrieve it. **Herb Dean** and **Matt Sobel** did so, and I found their contributions, which are included below. I apologize to them and to you for my error.

Herb wrote (April 2009), "After Columbia and Tufts Medical School, I trained at Bellevue for two years, a year in Cleveland and completed a hematology residency at Boston City Hospital, finishing my training there as a chief medical resident. I joined

the Fallon Clinic in Worcester, Mass., as the ninth physician, intending to stay there for one year until I knew whether my Army Reserve unit was going to be activated during the height of the Vietnam War. I stayed there for more than 30 years, seeing it grow to more than 300 physicians with more than 30 sites in central Massachusetts, and in addition to serving as the chief of hematology/oncology for a six-person department, running the medical lab and various other duties, I served as e.v.p. of the Fallon Clinic for 25 years and also served as president of the Fallon Community Health Plan from 1992-98, during which time the plan was deemed to be the best HMO in the country by both *Newsweek*

Riordan Roett '59 was named by the government of Chile to the Order of Bernardo O'Higgins with the rank of "Gran Oficial."

and *U.S. News & World Report*. We were the first Medicare-approved HMO in the country. Along the way, I became certified in internal medicine, hematology and oncology, and wrote a health book for laymen, *Look to Your Health*, published by Van Nostrand-Rheinhold Co.

"I left Fallon in 2001 and work part-time as an oncology consultant for Unum, a consultant for MassPro and as the medical director of a start-up company, Verax Biomedical, which has a rapid screening test for detecting bacterial contaminated platelets.

"I was married for 32 years to my lovely wife Joan, who died of brain cancer in 1997, and I have been re-married to Brenda, who although living in New York City was originally from Worcester, for almost five years. We live in Worcester as well as maintain her apartment in New York and my condo in Falmouth. I have two adult children and four grandchildren who live in Cincinnati."

As an update, Herb has been awarded the 2010 Physician Community Service Award by the Worcester District Medical Society for his volunteer work.

Matt wrote following the 2009 reunion: "The reunion was even more satisfying than I had anticipated, and much credit goes to classmates who were there and to the organizing committee. The satisfaction stemmed too from the way I reached the reunion—800 miles by bicycle. I cycled most of the way from my home near Cleveland to Albany with two alumni from the Harvard and MIT classes of 1959 who were on their way to Boston. Our educational and life path similarities and differ-

ences made me more thoughtful, and that made the reunion more meaningful.

"Two of my children and one of their partners rode with me part of the way from Albany to New York, down the Hudson Valley, and that experience too affected my reunion. I am particularly proud of my daughter, Anne, a novice cyclist, who rode 60 miles on the final day, which included 1,800 ft. of climbing and more than 20 miles of heavy city traffic, and did just fine. She isn't a novice anymore!

"Susan Slotnick, my wife, drove from Ohio to Columbia to rendezvous at the reunion. Her companionship made the event even more rewarding.

"Who wants to bicycle with me to our 55th reunion?"

Robin Motz reports, "I am changing the nature of my practice, away from the body and toward the mind. This new practice commenced on October 4. In order to facilitate communication, you may also reach me through my Columbia e-mail: rom1@columbia.edu."

Phil Matthews wrote, "I don't have anything to contribute at this time, but I look back regularly in appreciation of the Columbia experience. Those college years expanded my horizons and provided a continuing desire for knowledge, understanding of fellow man and enjoyment of the arts. How lucky we were back then and now to have friends like you in addition to receiving a superb education!"

From **Allan Franklyn**, who still has his old energy: "As has been the case for the past 20 years, one of the highlights of last summer was a long bicycle trip. This one was from Brainerd, Minn., to Bar Harbor, Maine, a distance of some 2,000 miles. I joined a group that was literally riding from sea to shining sea, starting in Neah Bay, Wash. In Bar Harbor, I met **Joe Krieger** and his wife, Rose, for an excellent dinner in a restaurant overlooking Frenchman Bay, a beautiful view. It was a wonderful end to a marvelous trip. Although it may seem odd to regard riding 70 miles a day on a bicycle as a vacation, that is what it was. It was physically challenging, but psychologically rewarding. Finishing each day's ride was exhilarating, made even better by sharing the experience with friends over the prescribed end-of-ride beer

followed by a fine and large dinner. There also is no better way to see the beauty of the country than at moderate speed on a bicycle. Imagine riding through farmland where the corn grows so close to the road that you could pick an ear from your bike, or seeing a Mennonite couple traveling by horse and buggy along with you or coming over a rise and finding a bear crossing the road. Fortunately the bear seemed as frightened of me as I was of him and hurried across the road.

"A website chronicling our adventure includes hundreds of photographs and an informative and amusing commentary by Rick Johnsen, one of our riders. If you look on page 53, there is a picture of me at the top of a seven-mile climb. Depending on who you ask, I look either tired or determined, most likely both. It was a great trip (crazyguyonabike.com/doc/page/pic/?o=RrzKj&pic-id=619044&v=4&size=large)."

Mike Bromberg reports, "My wife, Mariys, and I have moved from Washington, D.C., where we lived for more than 45 years, to NYC, not far from Columbia. We are enjoying our Riverside Drive co-op apartment and all the cultural advantages of this great city. I am still in D.C. from Tuesday to Thursday, where I am chairman of Capitol Health Group, a boutique health care consulting/lobbying firm. Mariys and I started a foundation a few years ago, the Health Coverage Foundation, which provides grants to organizations helping low-income, uninsured families get private or public health coverage. That has been a very gratifying endeavor. We have been welcomed to New York City by a network of college friends who still live in the area, and that has made our new life even more enjoyable. There is nothing like college friendships."

Arthur Molin writes, "My Great Neck H.S. (now called Miller, GN North) had its 55th reunion in Great Neck, and it was still fun seeing my cronies from way back. I finished a graduate certificate in intelligence studies from American Military University at the end of December. It was entirely distance learning over the Internet. That, along with a D.D.S. and an M.S., still keeps me unemployed and retired. In January I think I will enroll in another graduate program that might be stimulating and challenging. Retirement is too dull for words.

Alan M. Gelb writes, "My wife, Meriden, and I have a son at Columbia. Sam '13 reports some of those moments of electric excitement, which class at the College affords, and has become a member of the

tennis team. All his mother's driving him to out of the way venues, four years on his high school team (the last two as captain) and lots of tournament play have paid dividends for him, though now the hard work really begins. At the end of last season, Sam brought us to Columbia's Ivy Championship match against Princeton at the Robert K. Kraft Field bubble, an event that looked and sounded like a small war and was won by Columbia 6-1. For those who enjoy high-level competition among great athletes, a visit to team matches is a real treat.

"I've begun interviewing applicants for admission to the College as part of the Alumni Representative Committee (ARC) program. Many of the students would like to be interviewed but cannot be accommodated given their large numbers (more than 26,000 this year). This is a most worthwhile means to help Columbia and to get a firsthand sense of just how exciting the new generation of Lions is going to be. Contact ARC online if you are interested (studentaffairs.columbia.edu/admissions/alumni/columbia.php).

Allan Gardner tells us about a wonderful Homecoming weekend, despite the depressing last-two-minutes loss to Dartmouth.

"For nearly 30 years, the date of the Homecoming football game has been the inviolable occasion for a gala dinner gathering of lifelong Columbia friends, some of whom continue to endure the afternoon at Robert K. Kraft Field as well. It all began sometime around the early 1980s (no one can remember the exact year) as an annual dinner for a small group of ex-Spectator editors and their spouses (from '59 and '58). The original seven were Allan and **Mike Berlin** and five '58ers: Bernard Nussbaum '58, Howard Orlin '58, Barry Dickman '58, Shelly Raab '58 and Ernie Brod '58. Early on, **Ira Jolles** joined the group, creating a combined quorum of the '58-'59 managing boards.

"As time passed, 'membership' grew substantially and also became less exclusionary, reaching beyond the initial requirement of a *Spect* editorship. (Even two younger brothers, Richard Gochman '63 and Martin Nussbaum '67, learned the secret handshake.) This year nearly 40 people gathered at the Nussbaum apartment for drinks, dinner and the retelling, in extended form, of many stories that were not so interesting in their original versions and bear a diminishing relationship to the truth as our memories become less reliable. Allan traveled from San Francisco, **Mike Berlin** from Cape Cod, Mark Weiss '58 from D.C., Arnie Abrams '61 from

Long Island, and Joe Dorinson '58 and Art Radin '58 from Brooklyn.

"What began as a *Spect* event seems to have largely morphed into a Harvard Law School '61 reunion. But still Columbians all!"

David Rosand recently retired from the Columbia faculty but as the Meyer Schapiro Professor Emeritus of Art History continues to teach one course and to supervise dissertations. His primary Columbia project is the development of Casa Muraro as the University's study center in Venice. He continues to serve as project director of Save Venice, an organization devoted to the preservation of the art and monuments of that city on the water. In October, David lectured on "On Hand ... Drawing" at the Japan Society, in conjunction with the exhibition of the 18th-century Zen master Hakuin. This spring, he will be the James Ackerman Fellow in Residence at the American Academy in Rome.

Riordan Roett reports, "The Brookings Institution Press has recently published my latest book, *The New Brazil*, and the Government of Chile has named me to the Order of Bernardo O'Higgins with the rank of 'Grand Officer.'"

I have contributions for the next issue of *CCT* from Gene Appel, Clive Chajet, Josh Fierer, Eric Jakobson, David R. McNutt, Bernie Pucker, Bob Ratner, Allen Rosenshine, Lew Roth, Steve Trahtenberg and Lou Lucacini.

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Syd Goldsmith sends these reflections on our 50th reunion and beyond: "The reunion was an extraordinary event and a great success, all the more meaningful for me because [this correspondent] and **Jack Jaykman** are the only classmates whom I have seen during the last 50 years, and only quite recently at that. As one of the NROTC contingent, I was delighted to see so many comrades in arms and more than pleased to know that the Navy had room for artists such as **Pag Nagan** and writers and musicians, too. As a group, there was a palpable sense that we treasured that experience half a century ago, even though most of us moved on to other things.

"Most heartwarming was the feeling that I knew everybody I encountered there, though that was hardly the case. It was a case of a group identity expressing itself in the most gratifying of ways. Then there was the renewal of old acquaintances almost forgotten.

Peter Phillipps reminded me of our adventurous weekend in Mexico during our introduction to flight training in Corpus Christi in 1958. There were late-night conversations, and future plans. **Paul Chevalier** and I skied together in December. And there even were cautions from several classmate onlookers who warned that I had better stop dancing so wildly with those coeds 40 years my junior or I would have a heart attack. I'm betting on that not happening any time soon, and still play tennis with people of that much younger generation."

Several reunions later: a visit to Paris to see a girlfriend from the '50s, a 55th Goldsmith family reunion and six weeks in Chautauqua, N.Y., with a community of friends and a place he has come to love, Syd returned home to Taiwan, and having finished writing his second novel, *Two Musicians and the Wife Who Isn't*, awaits word whether it will be published by one of the major houses. Syd would be happy to share a manuscript with any classmate interested in reading it. Meanwhile, he works on a new project: "getting the flute-playing back to the performance level I had when I was touring in the '70s and '80s with a classical guitarist" in preparation to cut a CD.

Bill Tanenbaum writes that following the reunion, he and doctors **Robert Levine** and **Richard Dorazio** gathered at Bill's brother's home in Beverly Hills on June 25 to share dinner. Bob had been at our 50th, but Richard, with whom Bill had roomed at the College, had been unable to attend because of conflicting family obligations. Two days later, the group spent the afternoon at the J. Paul Getty Museum. From there, Bill proceeded to Beaver Creek, Colo., for a month in the Rockies pursuing his quest to ascend all of Colorado's 54 mountain peaks higher than 14,000 ft. ... or, maybe not all of them. Bill hiked up Vail Mountain to its summit at 10,000 ft.; Beaver Creek Mountain to its summit at 10,150 ft.; and Shrine Mountain to its summit at 12,000 ft., in preparation for his "14er." Then, the challenge of Quandary Peak, a climb he had completed successfully five years earlier, summit piercing the sky at 14,271 ft., well above the tree line, oxygen dropping to 88 percent of that at sea level and pressing himself to his physical and psychological limits, breath laboring, heart pounding, body aching, attained the crest and an extraordinary view of endless sky above and a canyon, a river and a gorge, way, way below — and he achieved an overwhelming sense of satisfaction and exhilaration.

Joe Giacalone notes his delight

in attending the 50th, although he was only able to be at the cocktail party at Lincoln Center. "It was a great event, and I was very pleased to see many of my Alpha Chi Rho classmates. Among them were **Andy Kubishen**, **Frank Zmorzen**, **Ralph Galdo**, **Jon Strimitis** and **David Farmer**. I think these were all the living members of the AXP Class of 1960. It was also good to see some of the NROTC guys such as **Rolf Weingard** and **Josh Pruzansky**, whom I got to know through Andy and Frank. Of course, my former AXP roommates **Bob Yoos** and **Lou Minotti** were missed. As I registered early, we had tickets to the ballet, which was terrific. But we regret not being part of the dinner that had been arranged to follow the cocktail party. Frank, however, shared his pictures with us. I am sure it would have been fun to be with them."

Joe teaches economics at St. John's and travels regularly to Las Vegas to see two of his four children and three of his nine grandchildren.

Bob Berling, whose work was exhibited in the Low Rotunda during our 50th, had his recent paintings on display during November at David Findlay Jr. Fine Art on East 57th Street. Presently, Bob's work focuses on rural landscapes, mostly in the woods and fields of upstate New York. Painting often on gesso board panels, his work achieves the effect of a flash, or glimpse of objects and light. In his words, "They're not so much about a place as a phenomenon of light or structure, or something that gets clarified as I work." Bob has received numerous awards including the Benjamin Altman Award in Painting, National Academy of Design, in 2007 and election to the National Academy of Design in 2001.

High-speed rail lines are commonplace in Asia and Europe. Japan's Shinkansen lines run at speeds in excess of 160 mph. China's high speed rail lines operate at speeds of 220 mph, and the Maglev line in Shanghai reaches 268 mph. So what do we have? Not much. Rail transportation in the United States has suffered and fallen far behind due to our emphasis on vehicular traffic and highways. Perhaps "the times they are a-changin'." **David Kirk**, sales manager with STV Construction, a major engineering and architectural firm that provides technical services to the rail and mass transit fields, was in California in regard to the design of the California High Speed Rail Project that will connect San Francisco to San Diego at speeds in excess of 220 mph. Then he went to Denver on a project involving 38 miles of commuter rail line.

A persistent onslaught of rain,

wind-driven and cold, cast a pall over the greater metropolitan area as November 4 dawned. But nothing could dampen the spirits or the good fellowship, or deter **Bob Oberhand, Tom Palmieri, Bob Morgan, Art Delmhorst, David Kirk, Richard Friedlander, Bob Berne** and your correspondent from convening to break bread at the First Thursday of the Month Class Lunch. We had a very good turnout, inclement weather notwithstanding. And good conversation — political, nautical, medical and philosophical — engaged the table. You had to be there to enjoy it; and you are all invited, at noon every first Thursday of the month at the Columbia University Club, with rare exceptions occasioned by holidays and a one-day change in venue to visit with classmates in Maine. A pleasant interruption in my lunch was a call from my son Danny '98 to advise that Sara had that morning delivered their second child, and I had become a grandfather for the fifth time.

Two sad notes:

John Radbill of Albuquerque, N.M., died on August 7. I didn't know John, and no other information was available at the time of submission of this note. If you knew John, please provide your recollections so that we may give proper recognition to his memory.

On October 23, **Bill Borden** died at his home in Rockwell, Texas. Bill was a man of letters in the most complete sense: novelist, playwright, poet, essayist, editor, and distinguished and beloved educator. He taught literature and creative writing at the University of North Dakota for 27 years and was the Chester Fritz Distinguished Professor of English Emeritus. He was the fiction editor of *North Dakota Quarterly* from 1986-2002. And he wrote prolifically. Bill won more than 100 national playwriting competitions, and his plays had more than 300 productions worldwide. His short stories appeared in more than 80 literary magazines, and he was awarded the PEN Syndicated Fiction Award and won the Writers Voice Fiction Contest. His first novel, *Superstole*, was published by Harper & Row; his last, *Dancing with Bears*, was published by Livingston Press in 2008.

Bill is survived by his wife of 50 years, Nancy Lee-Borden; children, Andrew, Sara and Rachel; and seven grandchildren.

In remembrance of Bill I will reread his wonderful comic novel, *Dancing with Bears*, knowing that every passage will bring an inward smile that will endure long after the final page has closed. A work of superb craftsmanship, it displays Bill's wit, irreverence, intelligence,

wonderful imagination and striking insights, and the exquisite care and grace with which he treated the English language.

We send our profound sympathies to the families of John and Bill.

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We are now less than one year away from our 50th Alumni Reunion Weekend, which will take place Thursday, June 2-Sunday, June 5. The Reunion Committee is planning the event with the help of the Alumni Office. Anyone interested in helping should contact **Bill Binderman** (wbinderman@msn.com), **Tony Adler** (awadler@sparta-commercial.com) or **Burt Ehrlich** (burt@bloomberg.net) with ideas.

Bob Juceam was named by *American Lawyer* as a Lifetime Achiever Award recipient. The award honors outstanding private sector success and a devotion to public service. The comments in *American Lawyer* September 2010 issue included:

"From the time he started practicing law at Fried, Frank in 1966, he's made an extraordinary commitment to help meet the legal needs of the less fortunate in dire circumstances. Early on, he took interest in immigration, and — even though it had nothing to do with his commercial litigation practice — became an expert in this highly technical area. Bob is probably the highest regarded immigration lawyer in America without being an immigration advocate Ira Kurzban."

Bob Salman will be special counsel to the Wall Street/ New Jersey law firm of LaRocca, Hornik, Rosen, Greenberg and Blaha. He will concentrate in the firm's complex litigation and appellate practice and also will focus on establishing internal controls for corporate clients to combat waste, fraud and abuse. This expertise was honed during Bob's tenure as inspector general of the New Jersey Department of Transportation, a tenure that ended on June 4, because the Republican governor did not want a member of the Democratic State Committee in such a high position.

Bob and his wife, Reva, celebrated their 47th wedding anniversary on June 16. They look forward to

our reunion, which they will be able to attend only on Thursday because of their granddaughter's bat mitzvah that weekend.

Dr. **Kenneth C. Edelin**, emeritus professor of ob/gyn at Boston University, received an honorary degree (D.Sc.) from Meharry Medical College on October 4. Kenneth, who graduated from Meharry in 1967, was the first African-American to hold the position of chief resident in ob/gyn at Boston City Hospital (BCH). Five years after he completed his residency, he became chairman of the Department of Ob/Gyn at Boston University School of Medicine and BCH. After 11 years in that position, Kenneth became associate dean for students and minority affairs at BUSM. In that position, which he held until his retirement in 2006, he was the director of the Early Medical School Selection Program, which is an innovative and cooperative program between BUSM and 13 historically black colleges and universities and Hispanic-serving institutions, which accepts undergraduate students at the end of their sophomore year into medical school at Boston University.

Kenneth has published widely in the areas of teen pregnancy prevention, substance abuse during pregnancy and medical student education. In 2007, his justly acclaimed memoir, *Broken Justice: A True Story of Race, Sex and Revenge in a Boston Courtroom*, was published, recounting his trial in 1975 for manslaughter for the death of a fetus during a legal abortion.

Sam Rofman retired at the end of October from his position as service line director for Mental Health, VA New England Healthcare System and was offered a position as part-time medical director for Mental Health Outpatient at the Tufts Affiliated Health Plan. He hopes to have more leisure time now.

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Thanks to each of you who replied to my November plea for news. You have filled this report and part of the next.

Since completing his Ph.D. in anatomy at SUNY-Downstate and a post-doc with NIH, **Kal Robinson** has been on the faculty of NYU School of Medicine as director of basic neuroscience for medical students and co-director of the Neuroanatomy Tutorial for the graduate program. Outside school, Kal pursues classical music and audio, both nascent in his two years at WKCR. He also is a contributing editor and



Kal Robinson '62 came back to campus in May to celebrate the graduation of his granddaughter, Helenka Casler '10.
PHOTO: APRIL CASLER

columnist on multichannel audio at *Stereophile*, the *Magazine*.

Kal writes: "I have been happily married to Nanette LaVerdiere for almost 20 years; the happy father of April, Casler and Heather Schedter; and the proud grandfather of Helenka '10, Lilith, Gabriel and Irene. Helenka is doing graduate work in physics at Drexel. Her Class Day was a glorious time for the whole family, but especially for Helenka and me [see photo]."

Kal and Nanette live in Manhattan and enjoy scurrying off to their retreat in Connecticut on weekends. They look forward to occasional visits from **Bernard Oxman**, a professor at the University of Miami School of Law and an authority on the law of the sea. Bernie and Kal came to Columbia as friends since junior high. They recently shared the fun of a 50th high school reunion. Kal hopes "our 50th at Columbia will top even that. Retirement? Who knows? It is all still great fun." Kal's e-mail is kr4@earthlink.net.

Ted Salomon, who passed 70 in March, has been married to Marcia since 1972. They have two children: Rachael (35), married with child due in April, and Andrew (31), single and working in real estate finance/condo construction in New York City. Ted works in the politically incorrect exotic skins business: alligators, snakes and such. He was "getting revved about meeting Peter Krulewitch at his Lagrangeville, N.Y., hideout for the opening day of deer season, which we've been doing since 1960." Ted may be reached at tedsalomon@hotmail.com.

This year, **Carl Jakobsson** (jakobsson@comcast.net) is chairman of the Political Action Committee of the Bremerton, Wash., branch of the NAACP. The branch sponsored two candidate forums, one before

the primary and one after. Carl says the pre-election forum was especially interesting because "we almost had to physically separate a Republican congressional challenger from the incumbent Democratic congressman."

Carl offers an interesting suggestion for our 50th: "There have been a lot of changes in the world since we graduated, and one of the significant ones is the replacement of the apartheid regime of South Africa by a legitimate, elected government. At least a few of us were involved in some way in the movement to bring about that change. For that reason, it might be appropriate to mark our 50th reunion by observing that 2012 is also the 100th birthday of the African National Congress. We could share some history with current Columbia students, many of whom were born after Nelson Mandela was released from prison."

What do you think?

Martin S. Kaufman (mskaufman@yahoo.com)'s oldest child, David '91, '97 P&S, is chief of pulmonary, critical care and sleep medicine at Bridgeport (Conn.) Hospital and assistant clinical professor of medicine at Yale. His second child, Andrew '97 GS, completed his residency in cardiothoracic surgery at NewYork-Presbyterian and a fellowship in thoracic surgery at Memorial Sloan-Kettering and now is assistant professor of thoracic surgery at Mount Sinai in New York. Martin's youngest, Kristina '99, '04 TC, is assistant director of exhibitions and public programming at Parsons The New School for Design and a master's candidate in organizational change management at Milano The New School for Management and Urban Policy.

Martin practices public interest law and specializes in representing scientists in cases concerning the application of science in court proceedings, most recently Nobel Laureates Sheldon Glashow and Frank Wilczek in a case involving U.S. funding for and participation in research at the Large Hadron Collider at the European Organization for Nuclear Research.

John Golenbe promises, "My wife, Evelyn, and I will do everything we can to get to the 50th reunion. It was a major disappointment to miss the 45th, especially after telling so many friends that we would be there."

John retired from the University of Maryland's European Division in 2007 as director of the program. He and Evelyn live in Schwetzingen, Germany, a culturally rich town of about 22,000 near Heidelberg. John admits, "The prospect of stopping work completely was too daunting, and so for the past three years I've worked part-time at Central Texas

College. I expect CTC may not be a household name to classmates, but, like Maryland, it is one of the largest programs providing college degree opportunities to U.S. servicemen and women around the world. Our classrooms can be found on nearly every American military installation in the world. When I left Morningside Heights I would never have guessed that life's path would have led me in this direction. It has been marvelous.

"One of the challenges of an expatriate life is keeping up with children and grandchildren on two continents. Our daughter, Ellen, is married to a professor of mathematics at the University of Pittsburgh, and they have two delightful boys. Here in Germany, our son, Peter, teaches in the public schools of Essen, and he and his wife have a wonderful daughter and son. Perhaps the inevitable solution is complete retirement with the freedom to share equal portions of time with those who mean so much to us." John's e-mail address is evjohn@t-online.de.

Bob Sobel has retired after spending his career in the medical laboratory industry and living all over the United States. He and his wife, LaDean, live in middle Tennessee on 95 hilly acres of woods and streams. Bob says, "It seems I am as busy in retirement as I was with a job: maintaining our rural property, getting in enough split wood to feed our stove during the winter and walking the woods to enjoy the life around us. We travel around the country, mostly by car, about three months a year to visit friends and family. I am writing from Idaho. Looking forward to our 50th and to seeing friends I haven't seen for many years." Contact Bob at sobelbob@gmail.com.

Stuart Ace writes, "As an unfortunate result of Connecticut's ill-advised probate court consolidation, I will be retiring as judge of probate for the District of Hampton, a position to which I was first elected in 2001." Connecticut established its probate court in 1837 and abolished it effective January 2011. Stuart's son, David, based in the frontier town of Bethel, Alaska, carries on the family legal tradition as a public defender.

From Rhode Island, **John Modell** (john_modell@brown.edu) reflects on his rich academic life: "For the last part of my professional career (I shifted, gradually, from history to sociology) and the early part of my retired life as a free spirit, I've taught Brown undergraduates. Brown is a joyous place to be a teacher, which I've become, setting aside other academic pursuits. My students are, on the whole, smart, vivacious, self-aware

young people at work seeking or refining their responsible vocation — 'my passion' is the Brown term for it. They value their teachers, and certainly me, as people who care to help them and who have intellectual and social tools to do so. I have taught sociology of education and as usual emerge with a sense of privilege at the jewels that were placed, lightly to be sure, in my care.

"Here at Brown, Columbia, with its massive Core, is seen as the opposite end of the Ivy spectrum. I often wonder whether I would have fared well at Brown, as I believe I did at Columbia College, though not at the graduate school in which I carelessly remained. My conclusion is that if Brown is the current paragon of self-directed higher education that I see around me — as in 1962 it was not, of course — I would not have thrived as I did at Columbia. I was too exclusively intellectual (with an incongruous athletic side-component), too naive, too discomfited by networking, too fond of wandering the libraries (I can think warmly of at least four favorite library haunts, including, for some reason, Union Theological Seminary) reading this and that. This worked at Columbia so far as I can tell, but I don't think it would work at Brown. I wore, I think, bland, invariant clothing, as I still do. That was OK: I wasn't shunned (or courted). I took my classes and my swimming team very seriously, learned some lessons about life and encountered and thought lots of ideas, some worthy, some lasting. Columbia College was a very good place for me. Three cheers for it, and for variety!"

Bill Campbell sent an e-mail saying that at Homecoming, the entire Ivy League championship football team was inducted into the Columbia University Athletics Hall of Fame. Bravo!

Dick Schwartz recently traveled to northern California, where he lived for 18 years in San Francisco, Fair Oaks and Paradise — where else would a town make that claim? Dick attended law school there and began his 10-year association with TV Fanfare Publications there as well.

Dick and his lady, DJ, also attended Homecoming. Dick says: "We thoroughly enjoyed watching our ascendant team come from behind to lead Big Green 21–17 in the fourth quarter, only to be upended by a late Dartmouth touchdown. The highlight of halftime was the appearance of our classmates — members of the 1961 Ivy League championship team — including **Bill Campbell**, **Tommy Vasell**, **Russ Warren**, **Herb Gerstein**, **Ed**

Little, **Tom Haggerty**, **Lee Black**, **Jim Stark**, **Dick Hassan**, **Buzz Congram** and **Joe Nazzolino**."

Joe "attended the black tie induction dinner at Low Library with my lovely daughter Beth, who lives on Long Island. I got to speak and reminisce with so many teammates. The dinner featured film highlights of every game from that memorable season. The audience gave us a standing ovation. Inducted posthumously was our old coach, Aldo 'Buff' Donelli."

From Westchester, **Ed Pressman** reports that he, too, went to Homecoming. His football-viewing partner, **Stan Waldbaum**, and Stan's wife, **Jewell**, joined Ed, who says "the game could have turned out a little better, but the day was beautiful, and the athletics complex is magnificent. As *Spectator's* sports editor during that year, Stan was deservedly proud of the many stories he'd written of the team's triumphs. Stan is one of the most loyal and knowledgeable supporters of Columbia football. He's an encyclopedia of information about the team and its opponents. If there is ever a history of Columbia football, he should be the one to write it."

Through Facebook, Ed has been in touch with **Alan Harris**, **Dick Schwartz**, **Buzz Congram**, **George Graff**, **Marty Erdheim**, **Mike Stone**, **Bob Dobrish** and **Bob Kaminsky**.

Enough reminiscing. **Richard Kobrin** reminds us of what most of us have at least silently acknowledged: We're about to enter our eighth decade! He wrote: "In anticipation of the 'big birthday' many of us are celebrating this year, Gloria, my wife of nearly 39 years, and I visited: Prague; Vienna and Budapest. Each is beautifully designed and full of old sites that recalled comments from my art history professors. Despite the magnificence of these cities, an indelible sadness lingers over them due to the events of the 20th century. The impact of WWII and Communism still are evident. It's always great to be back in the United States, especially with our two young grandchildren living nearby." Richard's e-mail is rek1095@aol.com.

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I had the double pleasure in October of attending Homecoming and witnessing the dedication of the new baseball stadium named in honor of **Phil Satow**. Phil's generous gift has made Satow Stadium a reality, and it is a beautiful addition. **Larry Neuman** **Henry Black**

and his wife, Benita; Jerry Dwyer; Steve Barcan and his wife, Betty; and I attended and toasted Phil, his wife, Donna, and their family. At the Homecoming tent, we were joined by Frank Partel and Don Margolis. I sighted Tom O'Connor off with the football contingent and am told that I missed Lee Lowenfisch (and I'm sure several others). The day was beautiful and could have been even better if we had won. I've posted pictures of the festivities at cc63ers.com.

David Alpern writes, "That I even still have a radio show in semi-retirement is quite a saga in which I have been buried too deep to attend monthly lunches since the start of the year. But maybe now our classmates might be interested and even helpful."

"When our liberal Air America network collapsed in January, I began paying engineers and co-hosts from my *Newsweek* contract fee, and we kept providing *Newsweek On Air* free via Internet to a dozen stations.

"When *Newsweek* in its infinite wisdom and woes decided not to renew my contract, I changed the show's name to *For Your Ears Only*, got six months of trial funding from the nonprofit National Arts Club in New York and was able to buy satellite time again on the mostly conservative Radio America Network (G. Gordon Liddy et al.). Check out radioamerica.org/PRG_yoursearshim.

"We're now back up to about 30 U.S. stations (including New York, Washington, D.C., San Francisco, Portland, Seattle, Dallas and New Haven) plus Hong Kong, 177 other countries via the Pentagon's American Forces Radio Network and the podcast that we keep posting to the old *Newsweek* links. See our website for links.

"I am now back to hunting funds for what I tout as a 'truly fair and balanced, public-radio type platform for important issues in the increasingly strident, stunted arena of commercial radio.' Budget is about \$90,000 annually for satellite, studio, engineer, producer, anchors and interns (college journalists from Columbia, CUNY, NYU and Fordham). Funding from nonprofit or for-profit underwriters passes through another 501(c)(3) operation, Gatewave.org, a 24/7 radio reading service for those who can't see that has carried our program for years, and is fully tax-deductible.

"Fingers crossed, and happy for any help or advice from the Class of '63."

Lee Lowenfisch reports that Bill Shannon died in October in a house fire. Bill was a revered sports writer and statistician (for the Yankees and Mets). Although Bill didn't gradu-

ate from Columbia, he matriculated while we were there. If you have any memories about Bill, please share them here.

Mark Koppel married Barry Brandes in Connecticut on September 1, the 38th anniversary of the day they met at the beach in Queens. Mark writes, "We waited this long because even when Massachusetts allowed out-of-state couples to marry, New York did not recognize them. A Court of Appeals decision, supported by the governor and attorney general, ordered New York to accept out-of-state marriages. Since Connecticut is the closest state that performs same-sex marriage, the ceremony was there. It was a truly exciting day, shared by Alan Greengrass (my best friend since third grade), Rory Butler and Geoffrey Akst (both of whom I met at Columbia). I am working with many LGBT groups to get equal marriage in the entire country. I hope I live long enough to see it happen."

Best wishes to Mark and Barry!

Mike Bowler '63 was appointed by Maryland's governor to the Baltimore County Board of Education in one of the nation's largest districts.

Barry Jay Reiss writes, "The family, including the kids and grandkids, went off for our annual (for the past 20 years) four-day mini vacation at the East Hills farm in Keene, N.H. It's a real working farm with a full complement of farm animals, many of whom were rescued. The original inn was built in 1834, and it also boasts New Hampshire's first indoor pool (as well as several outdoor pools in the summer and a beautiful lake). Among the cool things are the henhouse where the kids can collect their own eggs every morning, then have them for breakfast, hayrides in the fall and multiple types of accommodations, most with working fireplaces. Since they make their own bread and use local cheese, they make absolutely the best grilled cheese sandwich ever made! They also have a staff to guest rotate of 1:2, great walking and hiking trails and constant activities for kids and adults including a night at the bonfire with hot chocolate and s'mores."

Michael Nolan writes, "I was a co-founder of the Pickle Family Circus in 1975 and worked with [Bill] Irwin, [Randy] Craig and [Geoff] Hoyle. Irwin won the Tony Award for Best Actor several years back for his lead role performance in *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?*" A photo taken recently by Michael

at the American Conservatory Theater in San Francisco, now on our website (cc63ers.com), shows these three and Mike's daughter, Rosy, and son, Mac.

Mike Bowler writes, "Since I last wrote, the Maryland governor appointed me to the Baltimore County Board of Education in one of the nation's largest districts. Our grandson (10) is in one of 'my' schools, so I'm duty-bound to do well. The board is grappling with Race to the Top issues, including the rating of teachers. I recently spent four hours on a political matter that has little to do with education, the pay is zero (we do get expenses and a free flu shot) and the budget picture for next year looks disastrous. One has to be crazy or wealthy to take on this job, and I'm not in the latter category. Maybe I learned something in the two classes I took with Daniel Bell that will see me through."

Mel Gurtov: "In June, I retired from Portland State University after 40 years of teaching, 23 of

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Jim Cleven and his wife, Ellen, "are retired in Austin, Texas, and almost never get to New York. We have been happily married for 47 years and have four children and six grandchildren. Four of the grandchildren are in Texas, as well as my two daughters. We enjoy traveling, boating, golf, bridge and eating. I had a great and enjoyable career, and relocated several times from Connecticut to Texas, Las Vegas and San Diego. I started out in administration and information technology then went back to my true passion, construction, where I had a successful and rewarding career."

John Karlberg and his wife, Arne, "are back in Palm Coast, Fla., after spending last summer at our home in the Poconos. One of the highlights of the summer was the 20th annual John Karlberg family reunion in Nags Head, N.C. Beginning in 1990, we have rented a house on the beach every year. The first year, there were my wife and I, three daughters, two sons-in-law and one grandson. This year we were 18, including nine grandchildren. We have had perfect attendance every year! Nothing ages like happiness!"

Elliott Greher is "busily involved, for the third year in a row, in modernizing and expanding my house and its possessions. This is the most active year yet in these endeavors with my wife's guidance and consent. My children are doing well, as are my many grandchildren."

Frank Sypher has edited a new publication: *William J. Hoffman, An Army of American Families of Dutch Descent*. This 400-page book brings together and reprints 37 articles by Hoffman, originally published from 1933-52, on heraldry among Dutch colonial families, such as Roosevelt, Van Cortlandt, Van Rensselaer et al., with numerous illustrations of coats of arms, maps and so on, with a new introduction and index. Nearly 100 families are discussed.

Another of our authors, Victor Margolin, has "signed a contract with Berg Publishers in Oxford, England, for a three volume *World History of Design*. I have been working on the book for many years and hope to finish the second volume early in 2011. I have also co-edited a new anthology, *The Designed World: Images, Objects, Environments*, also published by Berg, and I continue to lecture and participate in conferences about design and design history. In recent months, I have been to Turkey and Brussels and have future trips to Mexico City and Santiago, Chile. After Chile, my wife and I will visit the Galapagos Islands." Victor is the Professor Emeritus of Art and Design His-

them at PSU. However, I continue as editor-in-chief of *Asian Perspective* (now in my 16th year) and as a researcher and writer on Asian affairs. My wife, Jodi, and I are planting an orchard of apple and Asian pear trees on our farm, so I'm trying my best to deserve the title of 'farmer' [see photo on cc63ers.com], though in truth I'm merely a lowly assistant to Jodi."

Cal Cohn: "I'm retired from psychiatric practice and have joined Houston's Retired Physician's Organization as well as a doctors' writing group. My wonderful wife, Helen, a non-practicing attorney, works for her brother's apartment building business. Our son, Ely (25), works for a health food startup drink company, where he is the No. 2 person. He graduated with highest honors from the University of Texas and now wants to go for an M.B.A. He lives in New York on the Lower East Side. Thus my family history has come full circle. Our daughter, Jackie, lives in Los Angeles where she works for Shine, Elizabeth Murdoch's TV distribution company."

"Reading, writing (finishing an historical novel that takes place in 140's Israel and which I hope might eventually make a good movie), staying healthy and traveling are my near-term goals. Anyone inclined to do so, please contact me at

tory at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

Peter Broido became a grandfather in June. Jack Johnson was born to his daughter, Claire. "Mom and Jack are doing fine. We also have been traveling as much as possible with a recent return from Turkey and Greece. I see **Gary Rachelefsky** when he visits Chicago and saw **Tom Homburger** for the first time since graduating. We were both at a Chicago Columbia Club function. He, too, is doing well."

David Pittinsky writes, "My talented wife, Alecia, put a wonderful video together for our trip to Paris in early October [see ccs3ers.com]. This was our fifth consecutive October trip to Paris with another couple and their Maltese dog. We always stay in the Bristol Hotel on the right bank in the eighth arrondissement, eat wonderful meals and walk all around Paris. In addition, this year we were able to go to the Grand Palais for the Monet exhibition and its 200 Monet paintings secured from museums and private collectors all over the world."

Charles Miller "will become adjunct professor of patent law at St. John's University School of Law in Jamaica, N.Y., starting in January. I also will continue to practice law in my capacity as senior counsel at Dickstein Shapiro in Manhattan."

Your response to my request for news has been overwhelming. If you haven't seen your note here, look to the next issue. I promise to eventually publish what you send me.

Our regular second Thursday lunches continue to be a wonderful place to reconnect. If you're in NYC, try to make the next Class of '63 lunch, scheduled for January 13, and then again on February 10. It's always the second Thursday. Check ccs3ers.com for details.

In the meantime, let us know what you are up to, how you're doing and what's next.

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I was unable to be at Homecoming on October 23 but **Ivan Weissman** was there, and he reports running into **Howard Jacobson**, deputy general counsel of the University, and **Bob Liss**, who was in New York for three weeks from San Francisco. Bob has been in "exile" for 25 years in San Francisco as a practicing psychologist/psychoanalyst. He also writes, primarily about basketball, and he has two pieces in the recently published literary political anthology *First of the Year*, one about President Barack Obama '83 and one as part of a roundtable

discussion of **Bill Simmons' The Book of Basketball: The NBA According to The Sports Guy**. Bob is particularly proud that his son David, who played four years of college basketball in California, was part of the roundtable discussion.

Bob moonlights as an assistant coach at San Francisco University H.S., where the head coach is **Randy Besselo '87**. The school's star player, **Noah Springwater**, has committed to enter Columbia in fall 2011, reason enough, Bob says, to move back to New York.

Nick Rudd and **David Levine** have been active alumni. In August they attended Convocation to welcome the Class of 2014, and **Fred Kantor** joined them in September to meet and chat with 25-30 freshman at the Columbia Alumni Center. Nick reports: "These are good kids, and it's unlikely any of us would get admitted these days."

Steve Singer returned to New York City after five weeks in Europe celebrating his retirement after decades as the head college adviser at the Horace Mann School in New York (where he earned a reputation as one of the nation's top college advisers). Steve was then off to Los Angeles to help **Harley Frankel '63** at College Match, a program founded by Harley to provide college counseling to high school students from some of Los Angeles' toughest neighborhoods. Steve has been working with College Match for five years. He also sits on the Board of Directors of the Urban Assembly, a group of small, theme-based public high schools in New York City whose goal is to help New York's "underserved children" graduate from high school and get into college. Urban Assembly has achieved a graduation rate that is 15 points higher than the New York City average and seven points higher than the national average.

Our informal class lunches at the Columbia University Club in Manhattan continue on the second Thursday of each month. In the months ahead, we will meet on January 13, February 10, March 10, April 14, May 12 and June 9. Mark your calendars and join us.

I am saddened to report the death of **Les Pockell**, a publishing executive and literary anthropologist. Les edited titles on the theme of 100, such as *The 100 Best Poems of All Time*. His publisher, Hachette Book Group, has on its website: "I've been in publishing for more than three decades, but I try to keep current." So wrote Les about himself for an in-house publication. Les didn't just 'keep current,' he had an encyclopedic knowledge of everything past, present and future in every field imaginable. He had an insatiable appetite for learning, and for passing along all

the wisdom he'd accumulated to the editors he worked with and mentored over his many years in publishing. His vitality was contagious; his opinions were strong; his brilliance was dazzling. He was well loved by so many and will be deeply missed."

Requiescat in pacem.

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I had an inspired idea for my column for this issue. What group could be better to solicit for information than the committed classmates who attended our 45th reunion? This yielded a bumper crop of responses, which I am sharing with you here.

Don Bachman wrote with the happy news that "We celebrated my mother's 100th birthday on January 1, and she is doing very well, considering. I will miss not having a place to crash in NYC when she is no longer able to be in my old digs, but we'll deal with that when the time comes. We bought a condo in Sanibel Island and headed there in late October. It is right on the beach. If you know anyone who might be interested in renting it, I can provide details."

Don can be reached at dbachman@yahoo.com.

I certainly got more than I bargained for from **Andy Fisher**: "Sorry you couldn't make it to the reunion; it was a lot of fun. At the dinner Saturday night in the main reference room of Butler Library, in fact, I had never felt safer. Sitting on my left was **Jim Fleisher**, a cardiologist; on my right, **Don Bachman**, a radiologist; and across from me, **Mike Bush**, an endocrinologist. It's just that my timing was a little off (nothing new there), because about two weeks later, I had a heart attack. My cardiologist says no damage was done to the heart muscle, and I am now in cardiac rehab. My suspicion is that the heart attack was punishment for my horrendous lapse in taste. If you look at the class picture taken in the library shortly before dinner, you will quickly notice that my pink sport coat and cream-colored slacks single me out as the only member of the class who didn't get the memo about dark suits and/or blazers. Just how that affected my right coronary artery, I'll have to leave to Jim to explain." [Editor's note: Go to college.columbia.edu/cct/jul_aug10/special_insert, and scroll down to "Class Photos."]

Dean Gamanos, who enjoyed catching up with College buddies at the reunion, also is active with CBSAC/NY (the Business School's

alumni club). He is a past president and is co-chair of its Connecticut/Westchester Committee. Dean is delighted to report that the committee recently was awarded a \$2,500 stipend from the Business School for an event the committee is planning for early next year in Greenwich. Dean still is doing advertising, mostly in Connecticut now, with his boutique agency (ReteleCo.com), and for more fun than profit conducting local winery tours for the past seven years with a wine-touring company he founded (GrapeGetaways.com). If you have wine news to share with Dean (or any news for that matter), you can reach him at deang@grapegetaways.com.

Mike Griffin shared some thoughts on the reunion as well as some personal information: "I have not attended other reunions but will. Returning to campus for our 45th was special because I was accompanied by my daughter, **Emilie '09**. I went to **Levin Gymnasium** and spent a few minutes with **Kyle Smith**, the new men's head basketball coach. Then **Emilie** and I went over to New Hall ... oops, **Carman Hall** ... and went up to our room only a couple of floors above the ninth floor, where both **Emilie** and I spent our freshman years. The evening reception at **Bloomberg HQ** was quite well organized. I am fortunate to still coach college basketball, and this is my 34th year as a head coach, the last 26 at **Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute** in Troy, N.Y. I have spoken via e-mail with **Neil Farber** (arguably the best combination baseball/basketball player in the history of the College), and we are planning to get together this winter. I spent a few hours last month with my roommate **Robert Price** on the campus at **Springfield College**, where he has taught since 1978 and has recently completed yet another term as president of the Faculty Senate.

"Leonard, I have enjoyed the chance to get back in touch. Please polish this so our classmates do not remember me as a guy who could rebound much better than he could write."

Note to all, no polishing was necessary.

Larry Guido commented on the reunion: "Because of my wife **Jane's** health (thankfully she is improving but mobility is still a challenge), I attended an abbreviated schedule of our reunion. After all the work **Derek Wittner '65**, former dean of Alumni Affairs and Development; **Heather Hunte**, assistant director, Columbia College Fund; and **Stella Miele-Zanedis**, former assistant director, alumni affairs, had done, I still am somewhat chagrined at not being able to attend all the events.

(Heather has already signed me up for another stint as Class Agent for the Annual Fund.)

"I did attend a Blue Key Luncheon for a number of activities of the Class of 1965. I had arranged it at the Columbia Club, and what a pleasure. It is a wonderful, warm and welcoming facility. Attending were Jay Woodworth (New Jersey), Mike Bush (Los Angeles), Bob Johnson (Long Island), Bob Henn (San Francisco), Don Bachman (Boston area) and myself (Nantucket, Mass.). It was as if time had stood still. Same grins. Same jokes! I can tell you it was so very dear to our hearts. Later that evening, I hosted a dinner for Sue and Jay Woodworth, Judy and Mike Bush, and Rhoda and Mike Newell at the Metropolitan Club. I'm afraid they were all over-served, but not I! Again, Jane was in Nantucket, as the trip would have been too much and too brief.

"So God willing, we'll be around and active for the 50th. I did miss seeing so many of our other classmates. And thought of those we've lost already. Cheers to all."

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Here's what Bruce Peck had to say: "I got an M.B.A. from Columbia and spent the next 45 years in commercial banking in NYC, upstate New York and Hong Kong. Now retired from full-time work, I teach at a small private school in Albany, N.Y., and do some bank and other consulting work. I primarily teach a course called 'Business Organization and Management,' which is a survey course that runs the gamut from macroeconomics through human resources management and on to an overview of accounting.

"My expectations for Alumni Reunion Weekend were high, and they were surpassed. Other than the pleasure of just being on campus, I attended two great lectures (one on the role of decorative elements in architecture as seen on Morningside Heights and the other on the ways in which emergence of states from principalities and the father-daughter relationship is handled by Wagner and Verdi). The social highlight was the reunion with members of the band, which was made even more memorable by the attendance of some of the members of today's band. I found myself wishing that many of my contemporaries who bemoan the state of the current generation could have been with me."

Noah Robbins wrote, "I'm a professor of clinical medicine at Einstein doing internal medicine and infectious diseases. No plans to retire anytime soon. My wife, Marilyn, and I celebrated our 25th

anniversary in Paris a few years ago. No kids. I'm in touch with Mike Koss, who is practicing pathology in southern California. He had his first child in 2007. I would be interested in what's new with Ed Siddle, my roommate in 1966, and Richard Steingesser '66, with whom I went to Erasmus Hall."

You can follow up with Noah at nrobbins@montefiore.org.

Michael Schlanger reported on a fascinating case he's involved with. He "represents 37 major medical institutions in the Supreme Court in support of their position that 'medical residents' are 'students' within the meaning of the 'student exception' to FICA taxes. The IRS takes the position that, because they work more than 40 hours per week, they are not 'students.' At issue, just for the years 2005-present, are \$4,000,000,000 in tax refunds."

Steven Steinig writes, "My wife, Renee, and I are recently back from a two-week trip to Croatia and Bosnia. There were 26 of us on the trip, nearly all ages 60-85, which was sponsored by New York's The Jewish Museum. Although Croatia attracts a lot of tourists these days, most of them are cruise passengers making port in Dubrovnik; for the most part, these countries are still somewhat off the beaten track.

"Zagreb, befitting its status as the capital city, has many splendid museums, perhaps not world-class, but definitely worth a visit. Split is perched on the Adriatic and boasts Diocletian's Palace, the retirement home of a Roman emperor. Sarajevo, the only Bosnian city we stayed in, has the bridge at which Archduke Ferdinand was assassinated; more importantly to our group, the National Museum of Bosnia's prize possession is the Sarajevo Haggadah, one of only 25 rare medieval illuminated Haggadahs (used in the Passover ritual meal). The Sarajevo Haggadah, the subject of Geraldine Brooks' novel *The People of the Book*, is too valuable and too fragile to be on permanent display. In fact, we were told, it is taken out of the vault only four days a year; a facsimile normally is exhibited in its place. But due to the prestige of The Jewish Museum, the real thing was put out on display the day we visited (not that any of us could have told the difference). Dubrovnik was a jewel, an ancient walled city arising directly from the sea, whose total square footage is probably not much more than campus.

"Despite all that there is to see and do, an air of tragedy hangs over these two countries (and most likely the other countries of the former Yugoslavia), where people have been at war with one another



(Left to right) CCT class correspondent Leonard Pack '65, Robert Kronley '65 and Michael Cook '65 caught up in May at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel at a UJA-Federation lunch honoring Cook, who received the Professor Lawrence P. King Award.

wherever different populations had a common border: east and west, Muslim and Christian, Roman Catholic and Eastern Orthodox, the Austro-Hungarian Empire versus the Ottomans. The Homeland War of the 1990s was nothing new; just a discouraging repeat. We saw whatever remains of Jewish life in each city we visited, but it's limited, with 80 percent of the Jews having been murdered in WWII, and probably a majority of the survivors having emigrated to Israel or the United States after the war.

"PS: Our Alumni Reunion Weekend last June was wonderful. If you weren't there, here's a reminder: our 50th will be in June 2015. Mark your calendars appropriately. I'm sure everyone who attended the 45th has already done so."

Now that Derek Wittner has moved on to Cooper Union, I invited him to pitch in as a classmate, rather than as a Columbia dean. Derek reports, "Now that I have left Columbia as a professional, I will not be in touch with classmates as often as I had been, but will pass on what I hear. Greg Williams (Salt Lake) practices law, and with his wife, Daphne, came to New York in September to celebrate their younger son's 40th. Mat '92, '96 P&S is a surgeon and colleague of Dr. Mehmet Oz. I am v.p. of development at Cooper Union, which offers its students full-tuition scholarships and is a really wonderful New York institution. I am enjoying the team-building I have been hired to do and thoroughly enjoying the East Village, an area I really didn't know."

"I have two stepsons (my wife, Kathryn, is senior associate dean of students at the College and SEAS): a CC '07 who is at the Film School at the School of the Arts and a CC '10 grad in architecture. My daughter, Lisa, her husband and two children live in Hoboken, N.J., where she teaches."

Jay Woodworth dropped what

he was doing to send me this dispatch: "I got your plaintive request when my wife, Susan, and I were in San Francisco, having finished up a weeklong tour of the Napa Valley (purely scientific, of course; just checking up on the quality and rankings of the wines in the valley). Bob Szarnicki had not been able to join us in New York for our 45th, so we got together in late October with him and his wife, Mary, at a restaurant in San Francisco. Bob is looking good, having trimmed 30 pounds."

Garland Wood died on November 15. A leader and innovator in public finance, he was the first black professional to be named a general partner of Goldman Sachs. [Editor's note: An obituary will appear in a future issue, pending receipt of information and space considerations.]

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Tom Brunner brought us up to date on his activities from the past several decades. He wrote, "I have been practicing law in Washington, D.C., for nearly 40 years, for the last 22 years at the law firm of Wiley Rein. My practice in recent years has focused on representing insurers in large disputes with their policyholders. In the last year or so, I have been shifting much of my time and energy to a new, albeit somewhat related, activity, while remaining active in my law firm. I have become a partner in and general counsel of Leapfrog Investments, which

manages the LeapFrog Financial Inclusion Fund, a social private equity fund that will invest in firms providing microinsurance (insurance for low-income individuals) in Asia and Africa. LeapFrog pursues a double bottom line, that is, it seeks both important social benefit (aiming to provide support to 25 million poor people) and a sustainable return on its investment. As such, its investors include both international development agencies, such as the International Finance Corp. (part of the World Bank) and the European Investment Bank, U.S.-based philanthropies, such as the Soros Economic Development Fund and the Omidyar Network, and more traditional financial institutions such as JPMorgan Chase and TIAA-CREF. LeapFrog has raised \$135 million and is very early in its investment process, having invested to date only in a company in South Africa that provides life insurance to HIV-positive people in that country. Additional investments elsewhere in Africa and in India and East Asia targeting projects that will extend financial protection to those "at the bottom of the pyramid" are in the pipeline. In addition to acting as LeapFrog's lawyer, I have been working on a lot of straight investment activities, notably in India, where I recently went for my fifth trip in a little more than a year. It is an opportunity for personal and professional growth that I suspect is unusual at our point in life. It also is a lot of fun!

"My wife, Shelly, and I are approaching our 45th wedding anniversary. We have three children, in Maplewood, N.J., Iowa City, Iowa (a Columbia alumna), and Honolulu, and three grandsons, ages 4, 3 and 6 weeks. We live a doubly urban lifestyle, with a townhouse in the Woodley Park neighborhood

of Washington and an apartment on the west side of Manhattan.

"I have lost touch with a lot of old friends through the years and would be delighted to catch up with folks I haven't seen in a long time."

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In the autumn, we heard from Michael Garrett, who reported that "our 45th Reunion Committee ('66, it's your age now, too!) has decided upon a stellar lineup of lunches, cocktail parties, dinners, events and speakers for our class. Among others, Mark Amsterdam, Dan Gardner, Rich Zucker, Tom Chorbak, Rick Reder, Bob Gurland, Herb Hochman, Randy Bourscheid, David Tilman and Ed Kabak are working on the event and on our Class Gift. For the 45th, we have set an ambitious goal of 45 \$10,000 current use scholarships or \$450,000. We have a number of leadership gifts, and you can expect to receive a fine letter asking for your grateful and generous participation. We look forward to hoisting a few with the record number of classmates who will make it to Morningside in June."

Michael's pronouncement was fully, strongly endorsed by Daniel Gardner, who said, "And we enthusiastically second Michael's news and thank him for priming the class."

In early October, your correspondent and his wife, Gilda, had the pleasure of a visit from Paul Kastin and his wife, Rosthema, who came down to Rio de Janeiro via Salvador, Bahia, in the northeast of Brazil. We had a delightful, albeit short time together, which included a visit to the magnificent decorators' show house here at that time. It was wonderful to see Paul and Rosthema again. Paul and I shared a high school in Cleveland, a college in New York (obviously you know which one) as well as the fact that we both resided in Atlanta for many years. One other thing we have in common — our children are both Columbia grads.

As I was in New York in October, I made my way up to the Columbia campus one beautiful autumn afternoon. It was glorious! Of course, after leaving the campus I had to make the time-honored obligatory stop at Mondel's for some chocolate-covered ginger to bring back to Rio.

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I'm sorry to report that the mailbox has been empty for the past two months. Please write.

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Greetings. The holiday season was in the air in the city. I hope it was an upbeat time for all of you and your families. I enjoyed seeing Al Pacino in *The Merchant of Venice* in previews. I wonder if Buzz Zucker has seen it. For a while, and it may be continuing, he was seeing nearly every play on- and off-Broadway. Really, a couple of shows a week. Roger Berkley said he would write soon. So at some point, the news will be coming to us via Woodcliff, N.Y. Last I recall, Roger was at baseball camp having great fun.

I was at Homecoming and received a note from Paul Brosnan, who also was there. I missed him. He reports he was there with John Burns, John White '68E, Bill McDavid and his "old roomie" Ed Brennan. I was there with Paul de Bary and also saw Ira Goldberg. I wish I had seen the others. Paul, hailing from Arlington, Mass., my hometown, is in a special category, of course. He at least knows how to pronounce my name. He reports that his daughter Phoebe is a junior at Barnard and "loves it." Sounds wonderful. Paul sometimes comes up for a basketball game.

Bob Papper '69, '70J wants us to know that on November 16, Robert Siegel received the John Chancellor Award for Excellence in Journalism. The \$25,000 award is administered by the Journalism School, and the ceremony was held in Low Library. The citation notes that the senior host of NPR's *All Things Considered* has "engaged and informed millions of listeners with extraordinary journalistic skill and calm civility for more than 30 years." Classmates will remember him as Bob, although he swears that only happened at Columbia. Congratulations, Bob. [Editor's note: To read more about Siegel, go to college. columbia.edu/cct/mayJun08.]

Michael Newmark sent a note. (I have resisted in the main writing about those of our class who have passed on to the Elysian Fields.) Michael wrote: "I sadly read in the September/October issue of the death of Melvin L. Dennis. Melvin was a close friend during our tumultuous college years and the post-graduate period when I attended P&S and Melvin attended the Institute of Fine Arts, NYU and then the architecture program at Cooper Union. After I left New York, we lost touch, though he was a groomsman in my wedding in 1976 to Carolyn Wilson, Melvin's classmate at the IFA. Melvin, a native of a small western Oregon

town, was one of the many NYC immigrants who come more devoted to the city than most native New Yorkers. He loved the quirky Upper West Side architecture, and had a fantastic eye for detail and decoration, which he used well when he subsequently curated a small photography gallery. Melvin had chronic hip arthritis from Legg-Calvé-Perthes syndrome, but he never complained and always focused on the positive and whatever was interesting around him. I, and his other close friends at the College, including James Pharris, Russell Needham, Thomas Wand '70 and Raman Kapur '70, will remember this gentle, congenial and witty classmate."

Lorey Pollack sent news earlier of the passing of Buzz Baumgold, his great friend for whom I too have memories of his being charming and fun and engaging. Ross Ain and I spoke recently, and Ross spoke expansively about Buzz's helping him out with a special ring for his daughter's recent wedding. My condolences and ours to the families and friends and classmates. Ross, again, congratulations to you.

John Roy had dinner with Wayne Crowder in Atlanta, and he is doing well. John said that Wayne, who had been an attorney at the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority, is now doing a good deal of community service.

Wayne, send details when you can.

So I was promised from Roger Berkley a write-up, and here it is (my memory of Roger was a star in the constellation of stars on campus). He is reporting in after many years:

"I taught American history/social studies for three years, then spent the next thirteen years in the weaving business. I've been active in the two principal trade associations, the American Textile Manufacturers' Institute (now defunct) and the older National Textile Association, of which I am chairman. I married Elaine, and we have two thrilling children, Dan (29) and Sarah (26). I attended baseball fantasy camps for nine years, and that is the most fun you can have with your clothes on. Last year, I retired under circumstances that will be the subject of a book I'm writing (OK, almost writing so far). Let's just say that I'm not a fan of banks, PNC Bank in particular. I've been active in politics and found it interesting. We spend the winter in Naples, Fla., and the rest of the year in Woodcliff Lake, N.J. That's the short version. I have kept in touch, sporadically, with Jay Mitchell, who lives in California and is in the broadcasting business. He remains

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one of the funniest people I have ever known."

OK, Roger. I believe **Gregg Winn** and **Neil Anderson** are in Naples, Fla., so there you are, a Columbia reunion in the planning stage.

All the best, and let's hear from Jay again. It has been a while.

I hope all of you enjoyed the fall and the holiday season and are looking forward to 2011. I recommend the men's basketball team this year with its two 7-foot centers and a new coach. It has been a while since Columbia had an Ivy Championship team. I seem to recall 1968!

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For more than a decade, my column filed in November of even years would happily report on the re-election of our class' Congressional delegation, comprising Senator **Judd Gregg** (R-N.H.) and Representative **Jerry Nadler** (D-N.Y.). But the news this time is different. While Jerry, as is his norm, was resoundingly reelected to his 10th full term in the House, Judd opted not to seek reelection and is retiring after serving three terms in the Senate. Whether you agree or disagree with Judd's politics, there seems to be a consensus among pundits and politicians that Judd served with distinction. *Esquire* in October ranked him as one of the 10 best members of Congress, commenting that "on matters of the federal budget he is fiercely intelligent, principled and compelling." I tried to learn of Judd's plans for retirement, but they were not announced before my CCT deadline.

The Alexander Hamilton Award Dinner honoring **Michael Rothfeld** was a great success and an enjoyable evening (see feature). Among those on hand to celebrate Michael for his enduring and deep commitment to Columbia were **Larry Berger**, **John Lombardo**, **Dick Menaker**, **Jeffrey Pines** and **Richard Rapaport**.

Bill Rochelle made a guest appearance at my law firm in mid-October, participating in a presentation to my colleagues in the Creditors' Rights Department on *Bloomberg Law* (a search engine for legal and business matters). As reported in the May/June issue, Bill is a reporter for *Bloomberg News* who writes each day on developments in bankruptcy law and proceedings. Not only does he cover the news but, in an environ-

ment where people trade claims, securities and assets related to bankrupt companies, Bill's report on a company can be news in itself.

Joel Solkoff kindly responded to one of my published pleas for news: "I am writing this note from Addison Court, an eight-story apartment building for elderly and disabled individuals in downtown State College, Pa., where the weather is either too hot or too cool. Surprisingly, tonight the weather is just right. I am disabled, which means that I cannot walk or stand without assistance. This situation is a by-product of radiation treatment that destroyed a portion of my spine but cured me of Hodgkin's disease. I wrote a book on the experience, *Learning to Live Again: My Triumph Over Cancer* (as well as publishing two other books, one on agricultural policy). I have 17 years of Washington experience, writing speeches for people with impressive titles in both the public and private sector. Subsequently, I changed professions and became a technical writer at Research Triangle Park, N.C., and Silicon Valley. I became an expert in describing the link between telephone switches and computer files. I am now a columnist for *Voices of Central Pennsylvania*, where I write about disability and elderly issues. I get around with brio in a battery-powered wheelchair and the most frequent comment is, 'If you're not careful, you'll be stopped for speeding.' If you see me, suppress the desire to say that."

"I also am a community activist, which means something I cannot define, but I know it when I see it. I am in the process of creating a revolution for people with physical disabilities whose minds work sufficiently well to vote the burns out of office and take over the political structure. I am a one-issue advocate for cripples and old geezers, and my current passion is to destroy President Barack Obama's 83's plan for competitive bidding for durable medical equipment. This plan would so alter the process of providing medical supplies such as oxygen, wheelchairs, power chairs, scooters and other mobility devices that local suppliers, such as the three here in State College, would only be able to serve the rich, and the rest of us would be at the mercy of often out-of-state suppliers of dubious reputation who would take their sweet time about providing me with batteries and maintenance, resulting in me and people like me falling and going into assisted living facilities. Thus savings in Part B of Medicare would result in large costs in Part A."

"I have two children. Joanna (26) received her B.A. from UNC Chapel Hill, writing an honors

English paper on the novels of Daniel Defoe. She now is a emergency management technician and is planning to go to nursing school. Amelia (20) is spending her junior year in Pamplona, Spain, where she will not be running with the bulls. My father, Isadore '24, received his diploma late because he had not passed the swimming test. After six months of staring at the pool, my father, who could not swim, was approached by the coach who said, 'Mr. Solkoff, if you jump in, I will pass you.' My father jumped in, promptly sank to the bottom, was fished out with a net and thus was able to receive his diploma."

John Herbert '69 is chairman and professor of anesthesiology at Howard.

John Herbert writes: "I retired from Columbia University Medical Center (Harlem affiliation) last year but immediately took a position at Howard as chairman and professor of anesthesiology. Of course we miss New York, and our daughter, who is a third-year dental student at the College of Dental Medicine (third-generation dentist) as well as our son, the 'puter tech. However, I have met some interesting alumni here in Washington, and I even found my good friend **Earl Kidwell**, from the campus days of track and field, who is a successful ophthalmologist at Johns Hopkins and Howard."

Fredrick Fastow, also reacting to my pleas for news, writes: "Following the September 11, 2001, attack on the World Trade Center and the destruction of its offices (luckily, I got out in time), the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey set up its Law Department, where I work, near Union Square. Most of my assignments involve review of construction contracts and related documents. This puts my credentials as a lawyer-architect to good use. It's my understanding that we will return to the World Trade Center site when it has been redeveloped."

"I play guitar and Transcontinental Music has published some of my transcriptions and original compositions in several books and CDs. For exercise, I run and bicycle. My wife, Judith, went back to school for an M.S.W. and commutes to the Edenwald campus of the Jewish Child Care Association, where she works on adoption and foster care cases. Our oldest daughter, Ramona, graduated from West Point in 2005. She has been to Afghanistan twice and is now stationed in Germany."

Ramona is a captain and is engaged to marry Capt. Chad Jones. Our middle daughter, Hélène, graduated from the Fashion Institute of Technology and is an assistant designer at the Regatta Division of Li & Fung, USA. Our youngest daughter, Sara, is in her senior year at the Hart School, University of Hartford, where she studies dance and dance pedagogy and minors in English literature. Sara is considering auditioning for the Rockettes after she graduates."

Paul Auster's 16th novel, *Sunset Park*, was published to positive reviews in November. In a *Wall Street Journal* interview published on November 9, Paul commented

that publishing is "a time of nervousness and quasi-depression. The pleasure in writing books is writing the books."

Rob Fleder reports, mostly on family developments: "Daughter Anna (28) graduated from the Law School last May and in October married Jeremiah Peter Cronin Connolly; husband and wife both work in NYC. Anna at the Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton law firm and J.P. as a consultant with McKinsey. Son Michael (25) started graduate studies (he's interested in mathematics and computer science) after working for NASA helping to re-educate the robots on Mars. Son Daniel (31) finished a Ph.D. at Wharton this year and works in Chicago at GETCO, an investment firm. Wife Laura (39, age of our marriage, that is) teaches at Manhattan Comprehensive Night and Day High School in NYC, a terrific school with a challenging mission for kids ages 17-21. I practice law full-time at Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison and head up the firm's practice in executive compensation, employee benefits and ERISA. My work ranges from designing executive equity incentives to handling anemic pension plans in deals to supporting our ERISA litigation and bankruptcy practices (trouble is my business); recent publications include a substantial piece on Roth IRAs. Is anyone else using their Kindle to electronically reassemble a trove of eccentric books acquired at Columbia and still sitting on the shelf?"

Space permits an item of personal news: I was recently inducted as a fellow of the College of Commercial Arbitrators, which was formed to promote professionalism and high ethical standards in commercial arbitration. As reported in the November/December 2009 issue, I

have been with Kramer Levin since 1973, where I am a litigation partner and head up the Alternative Dispute Resolution Practice Group. For much of my time, I serve as counsel for clients in commercial or copyright litigations, and at other times I serve as the arbitrator (or one of a panel of three arbitrators) in commercial cases ... all subject to the demands and deadlines of my CCT column.

As you can see, some classmates send news. To help me avoid the need for public pleas, follow their lead and send your news. Or, perhaps, help me by alerting me to other classmates whom you think have news or views to share. I would be especially interested in hearing of any classmate who is planning to run for the U.S. Senate, to restore our class' representation to its full complement.

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Danny Feldman reported on his new book, *Tales from the Sausage Factory: Making Lanes in New York State*, written with Gerald Benjamin. Danny says that if you have not heard about the book, please go to sunypress.edu/p/5094-ales-from-the-sausage-factory.aspx, where you will see the kind comments about the book from *The New York Times*; Wayne Barrett of the *Village Voice*; Rex Smith of the *Albany Times-Union*; Professor Christopher Stone of the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard; Todd Clear, dean of the School of Criminal Justice at Rutgers; and others.

I attended the Homecoming game on October 23 at beautiful Robert K. Kraft Field. I had a blast and saw many of our classmates, including former class correspondent **Peter Stevens**, who looked great; **Frank Furillo**, a member of our football team; **Terry Sweeney**, also a team member; **Bernie Josefsberg**, with whom I tallgated prior to the game; **Dennis Graham**, an all-star shortstop, or so he claims; **Dr. Mark Pruzansky**, our class cocktail party host; **Al Bergeret**, a well-known director of Gilbert & Sullivan in New York City; and **Victor Hertz**, who runs a leading translation agency in New York. **Phil Russo** arrived for the game in the third quarter and immediately upon his arrival, the Lions' fortunes changed and we lost the game.

One final note: It is with regret that I report on the passing of **Robert W. Butterfield**, a sexton, Bethlehem, Pa., on January 5, 2010.

REUNION JUNE 2-JUNE 5

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Mark Allen: "I've been associated with Caltech ever since I graduated from Columbia, except for two years when I was back on Morning-side Heights and had a postdoctoral fellowship at the NASA Goddard Institute for Space Studies, situated over Tom's Restaurant. For the past 30 years, I've been a scientist at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory, which is a division of Caltech under contract to NASA.

"Recently I became the project scientist (aka chief scientist) for the U.S. contribution to the joint European Space Agency/National Aeronautics and Space Administration ExoMars Trace Gas Orbiter, to be launched in 2016 (sc.esa.int/science-e/www/object/index.cfm?objectid=46124).

"My job is to maximize the science return from this mission. There are published observations that hint at evidence in the atmosphere of possible extant life, albeit below the surface of Mars, or subsurface zones that could be habitable. Many people feel that Mars is the most convenient place to look for extant extraterrestrial life. The 2016 mission has the capability to clearly resolve whether the chemical composition of the Martian atmosphere does indeed bear witness to active processes in the Martian subsurface, either geological or biological.

"NASA became interested in such a mission when a team that I led presented to NASA a proposal nearly 10 years ago. In the intervening years, my team re-proposed such a mission and alternatively, I served on committees that planned and re-planned this mission concept leading to the current joint mission with Europe. Having been a chemistry major at Columbia and following with a Ph.D. from Caltech in chemistry, I am pleased that this 2016 mission is a visible demonstration of chemistry as a tool for space exploration and discovery."

Jeff Knowles is head of the almost-60-lawyer Advertising and Marketing Practice Group at Venable, a major law firm. In September, the group garnered a first-tier ranking in the inaugural edition of *U.S. News & World Report's* "Best Law Firms" rankings, having already recently received accolades from Chambers USA and from Legal 500.

Jeff notes, "Venable stands apart by not only defending companies in consumer class actions and federal, state and local government investigations and enforcement actions but also by protecting clients' interests through industry coalition building, regulatory agency advocacy, lobbying on Capitol Hill and, when necessary, litigation."

Ah, reunion!

The '71 Reunion Committee met on November 9. Reunion is setting up with outstanding events in Manhattan and on the Columbia campus.

As of that night, members of the Reunion Committee were **Paul Arnest**, **Vinny Bonagura**, **Joseph Boorstein**, **Bernard Falk**, **Richard Fuhrman**, **Robert Gailus**, **Peter Hiebert**, **Richard Hsia**, **Peter Jacoby**, **Jeff Knowles**, **Craig Lawrence**, **Dennis Lawler**, **Les Lewop**, **Keneth Lehn**, **David Margulies**, **Phil Milstein**, **Chris Moriarty**, **Dean Porter**, **Alex Sachare**, **Jim Shaw**, **Edward Wallace**, **Irwin Warren**, **Jeffrey Weinberg** and **Greg Wyatt**.

Although by its nature most members of the committee are New York area-based, a number of us geographically further from alma mater participated in meetings by telephone conference. (You can, too.)

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Expanding the expanding-geography theme, **Phil Milstein** hosted a pre-reunion luncheon gathering at the Jefferson Hotel in Washington, D.C., on October 26, following up a dinner I hosted in San Francisco in June.

Paul Arnest, **Eddie Eitches**, **Bob Fuhrman**, **David Margulies**, **Jeff Knowles**, **Les Lewop**, **Richard Levine**, **Vincent Rigdon**, **George Starke** and **Jeffrey Weinberg** attended **Phil's** luncheon.

The Reunion Committee and the Alumni Office are considering planning similar events in several other cities.

Regarding the D.C. event, **Richard Levine** sent this e-mail: "The luncheon was an excellent opportunity to meet classmates with a commitment to Columbia and to catch up on their recent (or not so recent, in some cases) events. I also had the pleasure of sitting next to **George Starke** and learning of his post-Redskin career running a young adult vocational education institute focused on students from poorer parts of D.C. and serving as a motivating influence for male students who grew up without fathers. [Editor's note: To read more about Starke, go to college.columbia.edu/ctt/jan_feb10.] I look forward to following the planning for the reunion and hopefully

seeing many classmates in June."

Regarding reunion itself, several years ago the Alumni Office incorporated Dean's Day into reunion, offering even more activities and the opportunity to attend lectures by Columbia professors on Saturday.

At our last reunion in 2006, I led a free-wheeling and lively discussion of Spring '68 and how it affected us. (And we were overflowing a Havemeyer classroom that seemed preserved from the '60s, helping to trigger our neurons.) Spouses and partners found it particularly insightful to hear us discuss among ourselves and with them our experience, relive it and express differing points of view.

The Reunion Committee is considering having another class discussion, after the class luncheon on Saturday, during the upcoming reunion. Send me ideas for topics you'd most like to discuss and that you believe would interest the class.

I always have a great time at reunion, with both old friends and new. Our class always has a strong turnout. See ya there, Thursday, June 2-Sunday, June 5. Mark your calendars now.

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Jeffrey Lawrence had what sounds like a remarkable trip this past fall: "I've recently returned from Bali, an 11-day trip lecturing to more than 100 AIDS-treating physicians and health care workers from Vietnam, Cambodia, Malaysia and so on, courtesy of amfAR, the NIH and the Dutch government. It was an incredibly interesting experience, and humbling, learning what can be done with so little in terms of HIV treatment and prevention. One missionary couple runs an AIDS orphanage in Phnom Penh, rescuing potential sex slave sibs in the process. They supplement donations with the 9,000 chickens they raise and the eggs they sell, despite having electricity only two to three hours a day. The resort hotel in which we stayed had a 15th-century Hindu temple built into rock formations jutting into it. I can now see how a search for everything might begin in Bali, à la *Eat, Pray, Love*."

Rick Kunitz is planning some travel, albeit for a different purpose. "As I approach 60, we are planning to visit Africa, Antarctica and the Brazilian rainforest, and I will spend that birthday in the Galapagos." Rick deserves a reward, having been named "Best Lawyers' 2011 New York Media Lawyer of the Year." The designation comes

from a survey of lawyers in the field and reflects their judgment of their colleagues' abilities, professionalism and integrity.

Rick said, "Frankfurt Kurmit Klein & Selz, my law firm, also continues to be rated at the highest level at both Chambers and Legal 500, two other principal ratings of lawyers and law firms, in media, entertainment, and advertising and marketing law. So the career is going well, and my family is great. My daughter, Katrina, is starting her third year at Google in Mountain View, Calif. My wife, Diane, is on the board of the New York Botanical Garden. Life is good."

Life seems pretty good for **Richard Mackscoud**, too. "My oldest daughter, Jennifer Dukes, has moved with her husband to Madison, Miss., as he has his first legal job in Jackson, Miss. My youngest, Jeanne, will graduate from law school at Ole Miss next May with a certificate in space law and will be looking for work in this tough environment. In 1972, I never thought for one second that my life would be so involved with Mississippi." Richard has become active in his local Columbia Club (in Nashville), something he suggests everyone should do.

And finally, **Jocko Marcellino** writes with the word that six of the original members of everyone's favorite singing group, Sha Na Na, got together for a one-time-only performance last September to mark the 75th anniversary of Hofstra. Robert Leonard '70, who helped found the group and taught for many years at Hofstra, planned the reunion, which included several members who hadn't sung with the group for decades. Reports Jocko, "It was a lot of fun."

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It's been a busy year for **Michael Shapiro**. Foremost, his *Roller Coaster* for orchestra has its Western premiere in August in Santa Cruz, Calif., where he was composer-in-residence. Michael's *Peace Variations* for solo violin, as well as his *Second Violin and Piano Sonata*, had their coming-out in May in Soho. His *Eilatun Hanavi Variations Sato Knudsen* for solo violoncello (cello) were issued in October as part of the Milken Archive, and he is writing the score for an NBC TV dramatic series that will air in the spring. Michael is in his eighth year as music director of the Chappaqua Orchestra.

Also involved in the arts is **Gregory Peterson**. The New York Academy of Art is presenting a

show of his art collection in the spring. Gregory has collected Realism for more than 20 years; it can be seen at petercollection.org.

Gota lot of information from **Steve Woods** about the memorial service for **Jesse Parks** (who officially received his degree in 1977) that was held on campus on October 22 [see photo] as well as the service held in Atlanta in August. It would be hard to find anyone whom so many thought of so well; a star with humility, a friend, a family man and a community volunteer. Jesse will be missed.

Lyle Rexer recapped the last 30-some-odd years in an e-mail: A Rhodes Scholar after the College, he left after a year to work in publishing. After a brief time, he was back in grad school at CU, then back to publishing and then into the real world as a consultant for nonprofits on communications strategies, which is the hat he wears even today. Along the way, Lyle married novelist Rachel Klein and had three kids. One is a grad student at Yale, one works for an NGO "in Nepal, the West Bank and other hot spots" and the last is an undergrad at Stanford. Lyle got involved in writing about art and photography in the '90s and has written six books and hundreds of articles as well as lectured and curated exhibitions. He won a grant in 2007 from the Andy Warhol Foundation, which helped him complete a book and exhibition in summer 2009. Lyle says all of this was inspired by the one course he took with Gene Santomasso '73 GSAS (who could inspire anyone). "I'll remember him because as many of us know, these kinds of experiences, even fleeting ones, can change your life. It might not happen overnight; it might take 20 years."

A few years ago, Lyle filled in for someone at The School of Visual Arts and now teaches five classes a semester, both grad and undergrad, and really enjoys it. He's lived in Brooklyn in the same house for 30 years, and so is "easy to find."

So am I. E-mail those notes, please. Until we meet again!

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I hear from many classmates who are concerned about the kids' employment prospects. "This is the worst market ever" is a constant refrain. It then reminds them that we started our college career in the bad recession of 1970 and graduated in the midst of the worst recession since the Great Depression. The



Baseball and football teammates of Jesse Parks III '73, who passed away in August, gathered at Faculty House in October for a memorial service. Many Columbia athletics luminaries were in attendance, including (left to right), Steve Woods '73, Mike Evans '74, Ted Gregory '74, Don Jackson '73, Gary Parks (Jesse's brother), Kevin Ward '74, George Van Amson '74, Mike Jones '73, Paul Kallades '73, Charles Johnson '72 and Ray Ramsey '71, and (center) Terry Smith '73.

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remainder of the '70s were no picnic. Remember the "misery index" of Jimmy Carter that chronicled the sum of the high inflation rate and the high unemployment rate? OPEC was pushing up oil prices and there was an oil embargo. Interest rates kept rising (home mortgage rates hit around 15 percent toward the end of the decade). New York City was defaulting on its debt. And the top tax rate on unearned income was 90 percent!

This walk down memory lane is not meant to depress you, but to inspire your kids. In the face of conditions that were arguably as bad as today, we did get first jobs and continue to build pretty good careers. Those double-digit mortgage rates didn't stop us from buying houses, either. Along the way we were told in the '70s that the Saudis were going to control the world and then in the '80s it was the Japanese that were about to usurp the economic leadership from the United States. Will the "China Threat" derail their careers? Probably not. My advice is to keep your kids optimistic and, as we used to say, "keep the faith" that their hard work will pay off.

A little luck doesn't hurt, either, as I was reminded during a recent conversation with **Rob Knapp** (partner in the midtown law firm Muhlolland & Knapp). While noting that his legal practice "has never been as busy in his entire career," he quipped that his middle child, Henry (Z7), already is better prepared for retirement than he is. Here's the luck part: Henry has been working for Facebook for the past few years doing business development in the "mobile app" area. Looks like we could see a new generation of those "Micro-

soft millionaires" (where profit sharing plans propelled even lower level employees into the financial stratosphere). And we were told it was the doctors and lawyers who were going to clean up (I guess many of us made a mistake taking "rocks for jocks" for our science requirement.)

You might also tell your kids to be flexible in their career path. Shortly after submitting my last column, I received more information on the career of architect **Dave Black**. He told me that he originally got a master's in historic preservation from Columbia and had a historic preservation consulting firm for a number of years. In the early '90s, Dave returned for a master's in architecture and for the past 10 years has been working with HagerSmith Design in Raleigh, mainly doing "adaptive reuse and renovation projects." Occasionally he is able to combine his two degrees, as when he designed new carousel houses for Raleigh's two historic carousels.

How many classmates have their own entry in Wikipedia? I'm not sure (yet), but one of them is **Timothy Greenfield-Sanders**. The site says he is "known for his strikingly intimate portraits of world leaders and major cultural figures." His photographs are in the permanent collections of many major museums (among them the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Museum of Modern Art and the National Portrait Gallery). Timothy's early portraits were of Abstract Expressionist painters such as Willem de Kooning and Robert Motherwell. Timothy's 1981 one-man exhibition of 40 portraits was favorably reviewed and led to an amazing array of cultural

and political icons sitting for him, including Bill and Hillary Clinton ... and Monica Lewinsky (my guess he couldn't get the three of them in one cozy photo). His 1999 *Art World* exhibit included more than 700 portraits he had produced during the first 20 years of his career. Timothy's 2004 book, *XXX: 30 Porn-Star Portraits*, gained a lot of attention, as did his 2006 portrait series on injured soldiers returning from Iraq.

Alongside his portrait career is Timothy's film portfolio (after the College, he earned an M.F.A. from the American Film Institute). His 1999 *Lou Reed: Rock and Roll Heart* received a Grammy Award. In 2007, Timothy started *The Black List* Project, which has included portraits of dozens of leading African-Americans (including Colin Powell, Al Sharpton and Sean "Diddy" Combs) as well as directing film interviews that explore the topic of being black in America. Timothy is completing a companion series on Latinos as well as an HBO film on "beauty through the eyes of supermodels."

These are only the highlights of Timothy's artistic works of the past 30 years, but it is still a stunning list. We'll have to wait to see what the next 30 years bring!

An e-mail came in from Asher Miller saying he saw the "Alumni Sons and Daughters" listing of students who were entering Columbia with the College and SEAS Classes of 2014 in the September/October issue (college.columbia.edu/ctt/sep_oct10) and wanted to know he is getting ever closer to being on this list. His older daughter, Lauren, is an alumna of Yeshiva University, "but came geographically close because her M.A. is from the Bank Street College of Education on West 112th Street." His younger daughter, Rebecca, is a senior at NYU — still three miles away. Asher moved yet closer to the list when Lauren was married last August to a SEAS alum. Attending the wedding, by the way, were David Present (who hangs his hat in the corner office of Present Investments in Midtown Manhattan) and Bill Roth (a lawyer with Kelly & Roth, also in Midtown). Asher is a trusts and estates attorney at Cooperman Lester Miller (with offices in Manhasset, N.Y., and Midtown Manhattan). He also is president of his synagogue (the Young Israel of Jamaica Estates).

A last item that is notable only in its improbability. Geoff Colvin was vacationing in Deauville, France (in the Normandy region), last August. While driving through this small town, he thought he saw Frank Bruno strolling down the sidewalk. A later e-mail between

them confirmed that this "almost encounter" had actually occurred. There may be only 500 of us, but apparently we can still stand out in a world of more than six billion!

There you have it. Memories of bad economic times that ended up good. Careers that have morphed as we continue to strive for greater satisfaction. And watching the children of our classmates navigate the same challenges as we did — and hopefully as successfully. Please take a moment to send in some news about yourself or your family — our small band of 500 wants to know!

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Gene Davis, Ira Malin, Regina and Bob Schneider, and others joined Columbians at Robert K. Kraft Field for Homecoming. Bob and Ira also attended the Society of Columbia Graduates Dinner, held in Low Library in October.

Yasmin and Jim Dolan can't believe that daughter Zoe is in her last year at Franklin & Marshall in Lancaster, Pa.

After 29 years of marriage, Fern and Charlie Lindsay were looking forward to being empty-nesters after oldest daughter, Susan, leaves for college next year. They put their home on the market this summer, expecting to have a leisurely six to nine months of looking. Instead, their Greenwich, Conn., home sold in four days.

Steve Goldstein '76 received a 2010 Distinguished Columbia Faculty Award, one of only seven professors to be so honored last year.

Commenting on an exit poll showing that 95 percent of voters surveyed used all six of their votes under the new cumulative voting system, attorney Randolph McLaughlin said the survey shows that cumulative voting gave power to groups that have lacked political representation.

Roberts & Holland partner Elliot Pizem was one of the advisers to Lazard Real Estate Partners on tax issues related to the acquisition of its Atria Senior Living Group by Ventas. Ventas will become the largest owner of senior living communities in the nation. (Joe Lipari is at as Roberts & Holland.)

Anthony F. Tagliagambe, of London Fischer, New York City, was a panelist for the New York City session of the New York State

Bar Association's Construction State Accidents 2010 Update.

Residential real estate executive David Wine has partnered with two others from giant firms to create TRIO Partners, a new residential development company that aims to ride the rising real estate tide. This is David's second new venture in recent months. Earlier, he announced that he left Related Cos. to launch Oliver's Realty Group, an investment and brokerage company. David was formerly vice chair at Related. Most recently, he was responsible for the development, naming, branding, design and sales of Superior Ink, a 17-story luxury condo on the Hudson River in the West Village.

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there. Eve (13), Maggie (13) and Mary (11) keep my wife, Bonnie, busy, as they are homeschooled."

John's not sure where his next career move will take him, but for now he's enjoying the extra time with his family and doing extra volunteer work at their church.

Apologies if you mailed me an update and it got lost in my recent move (as I transitioned from one university e-mail system to another). At the moment, I have nothing more from any of you in my "Class Notes" file, so please send (or resend) your news to my new e-mail address, at the top of the column.

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There have been various sightings of classmates in *The New York Times* recently. In October, Michael Oren contributed an op-ed piece ("An End to Israel's Invisibility"), which was far from being his first. In September, Gregg Bloche was prominently mentioned in an article in the business section ("Cornered: Therapists on Planes"), concerning the liability of doctors asked for advice while traveling. Perhaps bigger news is that Gregg has a book forthcoming, *The Hippocratic Myth: Why Doctors Have to Ration Care, Practice Politics and Compromise Their Promise to Heal*. More on that anon, no doubt. I somehow missed the wedding announcement of David Friend's daughter Alexia in the *Times* in August, but happily, he sent it along, together with some career details.

David earned a master's from the Journalism School and got a job as the assistant news director at WABC-TV New York before moving on to news writer at WPIX. Subsequently, he was at Warner Brothers, where he was co-creator and executive producer of *Extra*. This in turn led to a stint at CNBC, where he was executive producer of its morning program, *Squawk Box*, then s.v.p. in charge of business news at CNBC's global headquarters in New Jersey. In June 2006, David became v.p. and news director at WCBS-TV in New York, and most recently has become s.v.p. for news for the CBS group. Somewhere in there David has taught as an adjunct professor of journalism at Yeshiva University and the College of Mount Saint Vincent. His wife, Wendy, is a sculptor who teaches graphic arts at two schools, the Hebrew Academy of the Five Towns and Rockaway, in Cedarhurst, and the Hebrew Academy of Nassau County, in Uniondale.

(Hope I got all that right.)

We also have received greetings from **Eric Bjork**, who lives in Connecticut with his wife. His son is a second-year law student at Temple, and his daughter lives in the D.C. area with her husband and two small children. Grandpa Eric notes that he got into "the residential real estate business in 1980 and has been at it ever since. I have worked for various companies, both large and small, in Fairfield County through the years. Since 1998, I have been managing the sales offices for Prudential Connecticut Realty in Greenwich and Old Greenwich."

Life, Eric reports, is good, a sentiment that I hope most of us, at least, can echo.

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Another lost fall at the former Baker Field has depressed the lads of '78 I fear, so no new news, thus causing me to reach into the letter bag for something that missed the presses last edition. On a cheery note, my better half, Marian Chertow '77 Barnard, and I recently celebrated our 25th wedding anniversary by going to Japan and Korea (if you must know, she was meeting and speaking while I was eating and taking trains here and there, but that's the life of a Columbia man, no?), and then we had a nice party at a friend's winery. All in all, we continue to have a great time growing toward respectability together.

Here is this month's interesting news, from **Bruce Steinberg**: "Your well-crafted plate tempted me to write you from Nairobi, where I am working with a team to set up a multiplatform media business covering East Africa. It seems far from CC and Humanities, but as we are only a few miles from the Rift Valley, maybe there is a connection there!"

"I have spent the last 20 years or so ensconced in one of the most beautiful and exciting cities in the world, London, where I have had the opportunity to be part of the international media business and the luck to be able to raise a wonderful family with my partner, Ashley Darnell, whom I met at graduate school.

"After helping to build MTV in Europe, several U.K.-centric TV channels for the BBC and other shareholders, managing TV channels at BSkyB, and running companies producing children's programming such as *Thomas and Friends*, *Bob the Builder* (yes, we can), *Angelina Ballerina* and *Power*

Rangers, launching HDTV channels on cable and satellite in Kenya, Tanzania and the rest of East Africa is a different and wonderful experience.

"Our children, Dylan (17), Kyle (15) and Cara (11), were all born in London, carry both passports and are often asked whether they are British or American. Many of their friends at school have similar mixed backgrounds, and I think that these kids are part of a much more global fraternity than many of us ever were, despite our education or travels. Dylan is considering applying to both British and American universities, and I hope Columbia is on the list ...

Bruce Steinberg '78 is in Nairobi working with a team to set up a multiplatform media business covering East Africa.

"Ashley is in a similar position to the kids, as she was born in and grew up in Tehran with parents from both the United States and England. After many years in the media business, she has put pen to paper and written a beautiful autobiography of her life growing up in Iran during the time of the Shah. Hachette will publish it in the United Kingdom around June, and maybe it will even make it to the United States soon.

"I cannot resist adding a plug for Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF). Ashley and I are both involved on the boards in the U.K. and fundraising, as Cara was diagnosed as Type 1. After six years, she has had more than 17,000 finger pricks to test her blood and has had to manage her blood sugars with insulin six or seven times a day in order to avoid going into a diabetic coma. I know everyone gets impassioned pleas for donations, but if anyone ever has the opportunity to support a JDRF event, please give it due consideration. These kids can use your help. Here is the FAQ on life with diabetes and what you can do to help: jdrf.org/index.cfm?page_id=103442."

Now that's how we expect a Columbia man and his kin to tread upon the earth. Bravo.

Happy New Year, and please write with news of your marriage or other tidbits.

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Harlan T. Greenman, a partner at Wormser, Kiely, Galef & Jacobs, has "embarked on an exciting new

chapter in my life! I am involved in the new Broadway production of *The Scottsboro Boys*. This is the final Kander and Ebbs musical (*Chicago*, *Cabaret*) and is helmed by Susan Stroman (*The Producers*). It has been extremely exciting watching it grow and change from its out-of-town tryout in Minneapolis through its New York previews. *The Scottsboro Boys* opened on Halloween to favorable reviews, and we are hoping to be recognized during the Tony Awards later in the season.

"This is sort of a natural continuation of my extended family's theatrical bent. My great-uncle and his wife (the late Mann Holiner

recognition, I will use this column to appeal to you to share the magical experience that Dean Patricia Geisler bestowed upon your life during your time at Columbia. If you've seen her or know what she has been up to, please let me know. It would mean a lot to me after all these years to say thank you.

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I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season and the New Year is off to a good start. We are entering the Year of the Rabbit, which is the emblem of longevity, so at least we have that going for us. The third year of a presidential cycle is usually the strongest for the financial markets, so another good sign. Now all we need is an Ivy title in football, and we will have hit the trifecta!

Some good news about a classmate delivered in a press release:

"**Michael C. Riordan**, president and chief executive of Greenville Hospital System's University Medical Center, has been named chair-elect of the Greenville Chamber by the group's board of directors.

"He will serve in that position in 2011 and as chairman of the organization in 2012.

"Riordan has served on the board since 2009 and has been an investor through the hospital system in the Chamber's five-year ACCELERATE initiative.

"I've witnessed first-hand the value of the Greenville Chamber and what it means to the community as a whole when organizations come together with the common goal of improving business conditions in the area," said Riordan. "I look forward to working with the Chamber's leadership, membership and staff to continue growing

and Alberta (Nichols) wrote such enduring classics as *Your Mother's Son-in-Law*, most recently heard in a Billie Holiday rendition in *Angela's Ashes* and *(It Will Have to Do) Until the Real Thing Comes Along*. On the distaff side of my parentage, I am also related to Lew Fields of Weber and Fields, the famous vaudeville team. I guess it was only a matter of time!"

West Coast-based **Ali Gheissari** has been practicing cardiothoracic surgery and heart transplantation in Los Angeles for 20 years. His wife, Maryam, is a professor of electrical engineering. "I am proud to say that my son, Reza '14, loves Columbia and cannot stop mentioning how interesting his classes are and how great of an education he is already getting. This has made me feel even closer to Columbia. I visited him during October's Family Weekend, and I was amazed by the changes and improvements that have occurred since I graduated. I hope that my beautiful daughter, who is a freshman in high school, will consider joining him there.

"Greetings to everyone."

Robert C. Klapper: In a past column, I mentioned a great Columbia icon from our time in Morningside Heights, the illustrious Doc Deming, and because of this fantastic platform I have (and abuse), I learned that he was last sighted driving a taxicab in Manhattan. Our lucky passenger wrote to me telling me of his encounter and catching up with his fascinating view of life and his journey.

There is another person from our era who, like Doc Deming, touched the lives of some of us in such a positive way. In an effort to bypass any frustration I might have in dealing with an official

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Four past Glee Club presidents paused from belting out the tunes at Alumni Reunion Weekend last June to pose for a photo. Preparing for a fantastic concert were (left to right) Charles Emery '80, Cathy (Schwartz) Cotton '83, Barnard, Dave Huemer '81 and Ed Krishok '81.

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Greenville's business community and bettering the quality of life for everyone in the Upstate."

"Ben Haskev, Chamber president and chief executive, said Rioridan's track record as a strong and effective leader will most certainly accelerate the Chamber's vision to build one of the premier business communities in the world."

"Rioridan began his duties at GHS in August 2006. From 2001 to mid-2006, he led the University of Chicago Hospitals and Health System. From 1995 to 2000, Rioridan was chief operating officer and, later, senior associate hospital administrator, of Emory University Hospital and Crawford Long Hospital in Atlanta. Before that time, he served for three years in the U.S. Marine Corps as a lieutenant. He also is active in professional and civic activities."

And another one:

"Mark W. Babyatsky, MD, was named chairman-designate of the Department of Medicine at The Mount Sinai Medical Center. His research revealed some of the critical roles played by a novel family of trefol proteins in gastrointestinal inflammation. He is internationally recognized as a leader in the emerging field of medical genomics, and he is co-authoring a key textbook on the subject for primary care physicians, students and other trainees. He serves on the National Human Genome Research Institute initiative, 'Developing a Blueprint for Primary Care Physician Education in Genomic Medicine,' and helped plan the first American College of Physician's Symposium on Clinical Genomics. He also serves on the research initiative of the Association of Professors in Medicine and served on their planning committee for a national consensus conference on 'Reinvigorating the

Physician-Scientist Workforce."

The Columbia College Fund is off to good start and your Class Agents, Jim Gerkis, Bruce Paulsen, Kevin Matthews and Ariel Teitel, will be calling you. Please give them a minute of your time, for the Columbia College Fund helps students in so many ways.

I always look forward to hearing from you at mcbcu80@yahoo.com.

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Given my lofty position as class scribe and keeper of the mythology of the men of Columbia College 1981, indulge me on a word or two about our upcoming Alumni Reunion Weekend, Thursday, June 2-Sunday, June 5. The Reunion Committee is doing the hard and thankless work of trying to come up with a weekend that will be fun and engaging to draw you back to campus. Yet despite its good work and even better intentions, I am 100 percent sure that some (maybe significant) number of you will look at the program and think, "That doesn't look so fun and engaging. Damn that planning committee and its evil plans." Should you be among that number, I say forget the plan. The reunion is not about the plan; it's about you. If you want the reunion to be fun and engaging, attend it and make sure your old friends do, too. The pro-

gram is simply a backdrop for the real event: getting together with those same guys you swam naked across the pool with in September 1977. Don't let that pass by.

Richard Gentile gets it. He has been roused from his 30-year hibernation by a wave of nostalgia that will carry him off his comfy couch in Connecticut to Morningside Heights for our reunion. Rick, who hosted a pack of alumni at the Columbia/Yale football game, writes: "Nothing major to report other than the fact that I was sad to read about the death of my freshman-year roommate and friend, Mike Stevenson. While I had lost touch with him through the years (like so many others, unfortunately), it came as a shock. He was a very important part of my years at Columbia. It makes me reflect on the passing of time and realize that we cannot take old friends and classmates for granted. We should all reach out, in this 30th reunion year, and reestablish old friendships."

Don Joe writes: "Since our last reunion, I've become an administrative law judge at Medicare's office in Miami. Standard issue includes four medical encyclopedias. Good thing I've watched every *House, M.D.* episode. I'm doing my best to root out scammers and to keep Medicare solvent until we are eligible."

Richard W. Hayes received his third fellowship to the MacDowell Colony and was selected as a specialist in the field of architecture by the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board. He plans to return to Wolfson College, Cambridge, this year.

Kurt Swanbeck has joined Hebron Academy as associate director of admissions. He also will coach boys' varsity soccer and lacrosse.

John Stroll relays the following, which I share without comment ... really: "I received two M.B.A.s and then went on to finding jobs for executives. Now I am starting up an investment bank and a business school. I also have been teaching, been involved in some political campaigns and invented some products."

Daniel Bertrand Monk has been spotted by campus security prowling the periphery of Columbia. He claims to be on sabbatical from Colgate, where he is the George R. and Myra T. Cooley Professor of Peace and Conflict Studies and professor of geography and Middle East studies, but I think he's there simply to stalk his daughter, who is a student. When he's not peering into Butler Library windows, Dan can be found on his trusty road bike. I can tell you from experience that the view of Dan from just off his back

wheel is not a pretty sight.

And lastly, a note about me. After six years of manning this space, I'm going to pass on the class quilt after the reunion. Anyone interested in the job, let me know. In the meantime, brush up on your ever-so-slight exaggerations, practice standing comfortably while wearing an intricate series of trusses and think seriously about hair plugs in anticipation of the June reunion-palooza. Send updates to jspundky@gmail.com.

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After a banner performance last period, I was shut out like something that gets shut out a lot ... (trying not to alienate any of our classmates located in the smaller, less storied sports markets).

So now you're stuck with hearing about my life; something this happens again, I'm going to invite you all to my house for dinner and force you to listen to my son Henry (9) play the violin.

On October 21, I attended the 101st Annual Dinner Meeting of the Society of Columbia Graduates (SOGC), where the society presented the 62nd Great Teacher Awards. This year's honorees were Robert Belknap '57 SIPA, '59 CSAS, professor emeritus of Slavic languages, and Kathleen McKewon, the Henry and Gertrude Rothschild Professor of Computer Science at SEAS. Posthumously recognized was Professor Emeritus of Economics C. Lowell Harris '40 CSAS, SOGC, founded in 1909, established the Great Teacher Award in 1949 to honor distinguished faculty of Columbia College and SEAS for excellence in teaching based on the recommendations of students, faculty and deans. SOGC is a gem. The cost to join is a modest one-time fee but the reward of participating in the honoring of faculty who have made a real difference in the lives of students is enormous. The October event provided the opportunity to hear directly from these distinguished faculty and, in the case of Professor Harris, his son, L. Gordon '68, '71L. [Editor's note: See "Around the Quads."]

For those who are unfamiliar with, or never had the great fortune of being taught by, Professor Belknap, he has taught Lit Hum in major texts of the Western tradition for 50 years and recently a sequel to it that involves major Asian classics.

If you are interested in attending next year's dinner, or any of the more frequent campus meetings, drop me an e-mail.

Tony Pagan '85 Builds Programs and Hope in Africa

By LAURA BUTCHY '04 ARTS

In 2004, Tony Pagan '85, '87 SW was exhausted after years working with New York City programs helping those with AIDS. While considering whether he wanted to stay in the field, he sent an application to The International Center for AIDS Care and Treatment Programs (ICAP) at Columbia's Mailman School of Public Health. When he was offered the job, he gave the field one more try and hasn't regretted the decision.

"By the end of my first week on the job, I was on a plane to South Africa to observe, work and do some hands-on learning. Within that week, I was revitalized and once again had purpose," Pagan says. "Stepping on South African soil and realizing where the country was in terms of AIDS treatment was like stepping back into 1981 New York ... There was much work to do. I enjoy the daily challenges this international and vital work brings me."

As a senior project officer at ICAP, Pagan supports the implementation of HIV care and treatment programs and clinics throughout Africa. He is a liaison with country directors developing programs and planning strategy while collaborating with New York-based staff to advocate for program goals abroad. Visiting program sites in Africa, Pagan works seven days a week, meeting with government officials, working within program offices and ending the day remotely working the start of a New York day, putting the time difference to good use.

Cristiane Costa '01 TC, ICAP program director for the Southern Africa Region, recalls an unexpected trip Pagan made to Mozambique last year. "He returned from vacation with just one day in the office before he traveled to Mozambique to work with a team and program he wasn't familiar with to develop two grant applications. I don't know many people who would have been able to do this under such short notice and achieve the objectives of the trip with such success."

to four weeks at a time, and returning to New York is a homecoming in more ways than one. Raised in New York since age 2, Pagan wanted a challenge for college since he felt his high school preparation was inadequate. At Columbia, he changed majors from biology to psychology with less than a year left, devoting himself to finishing the required psychology coursework and graduating on time. As a student, he joined Alianza Latino Americana, worked with the Freshman Orientation Program

"Along the way, I discovered that I could help people in other careers as well," he says. After earning a master's at the School of Social Work, Pagan spent 13 years directing various social service programs in New York City. After four years as a senior management consultant and then senior associate director for HIV Services with the New York City Health and Hospitals Corp., he moved to ICAP.

"The regular use of his social work training in this work has been quite impressive," says Costa. The training has been integral to Pagan's team building efforts, helping country directors and managers build the capacity of hard working staffs by aligning their skills to the program goals. "There have been several instances where Tony has transformed otherwise tense and difficult situations into positive and productive experiences for all involved with successful outcomes," Costa adds.

Happily partnered to Dr. Jose Nanin for 13 years, Pagan lives in New York City. When he is not abroad, he finds time for his hobby: designing, making and selling jewelry to private clients. His devotion to his work at ICAP, however, is evident.

"I always wanted to help people. The work I do at ICAP allows that to happen," Pagan says. "When the work that you do directly contributes to helping people live longer, productive lives, there's a certain satisfaction you feel. I can't think of a better way to earn a living."

Laura Butchy '04 Arts is a teacher, writer and dramaturg in New York City.



While at the ICAP offices in Maputo, Mozambique, in April, Tony Pagan '85, '87 SW points to a plan for clinical mentoring and HIV training of province and district-based health care staff that the ICAP-Mozambique program proposed to the Provincial Health Departments with which it partners.

PHOTO: CRISTIANE COSTA '01 TC

Pagan's work developing plans for two funding opportunities resulted in a strong proposal while creating a supportive working relationship that has since expanded.

The trips take Pagan abroad four or more times a year for all

and pledged Chi Omega Rho, for which he was treasurer for two years. He also formed lasting friendships with his East Campus roommates, with whom he still meets regularly for dinner.

Pagan originally planned to become a doctor to help people.

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I attended the 2010 Columbia College Fund Leadership Conference on November 6. Dean Michele Moody-Adams made it clear that additional contributions would be used to improve the Core Cur-

riculum. She also stated that she hoped to be remembered as the "philosopher dean." Tuition does not come close to covering the cost of a Columbia education, so alumni financial support is critical to the success of the College.

At the conference, I had the pleasure of spending time with College graduates from different decades. Rick Wolf '86 is a principal of DW Capital, real estate developers. His

brother, Doug Wolf '88, is a partner at Wolf Greenfield, intellectual property law specialists. Eric Witkin '69 is an employment and labor law specialist. Michael Oberman '69 is a partner at Kramer Levin and a Class Notes correspondent. William Frosh '53 still wears his Nacorn ring. Dennis Klainberg '84, also a class correspondent, visited Professor Karl-Ludwig Selig after the event. It was fascinating to bond with

CC graduates from different classes and share our unique Columbia experiences and stories.

My family attended Homecoming on October 23. We were thrilled to spend time with Sharon and Kevin Chapman. Sharon was preparing to run in the NYC Marathon and looked to be in tremendous shape. We also spent time with Eric Wertz, who recently finished working at the Mailman School of

Public Health, writing and editing new website content. Eric also continues to read the great texts. We were delighted to see Brandi Ripp '12, daughter of Marc Ripp '80. Brandi had a Columbia lion painted on her face and has great school spirit. She and her sister, Alana '14E, represent the third generation of Rippes at Columbia.

Dennis arranged for Dean Moody-Adams to meet with Professor Selig at Faculty House. In addition to Dennis and myself, my three children were present. Dean Moody-Adams spoke with Professor Selig about his teaching a weekly seminar at Columbia. Since both were formerly on the faculty at Cornell, they have a shared academic background. Any classmates who want a videotape of the meeting should contact me.

Fred Balzac: "I entered with the Class of '80 and took all of my College courses during four consecutive years. However, because I ended up in May '80 with several incompletes (remember those?), it took me another 2½ years to complete those courses and obtain my B.A. (in January 1983). I always look forward to checking out the Class Notes when I receive CCT, and I do peruse the goings on of 1983, as you guys were on campus during my last year, and I recall meeting some remarkable folks in your class during that year."

David Hershey-Webb performed at The Bitter End (147 Bleecker St.) on December 19. His special guests included Felicia Michael, Jeff Nathan and Lilly Hershey-Webb.

Ted Storey: "I have hesitated to provide an update because I haven't been willing to take on the challenge of summarizing the last 27 years of my life in a few paragraphs. I will do my best to take on this challenge and send you something for print, given this noble cause you have taken on."

David Woo: "Living in Henderson (Las Vegas) but splitting time in La Jolla to be with my daughters, Amanda and Madeline. Started The Automatic Answer (aka The Amanda Company) in 1988, sold it in 2000. Now spending time on more interesting pursuits closer to my heart, in particular, theater, museums and tournament poker. Recently re-married, to Peggy, and enjoying life and the pursuit of happiness!"

AOLNews.com reported: "Now that the Democrats have suffered a historic defeat on election day, a sports handicapper is doubling down on his goal of becoming President in 2012. **Wayne Allyn Root** is a well-known Vegas sports handicapper and the current front runner to be the Libertarian Party's nominee for the 2012 presidential

race after being the running mate to 2008 nominee Bob Barr. Root points to England, where a third-party candidate was able to make an impact in the most recent election based on a great debate performance. They do things differently there, but he's now, for all intents and purposes, the vice president of England." Root said enthusiastically. Root believes the Libertarians could have the same effect statewide if the party is included in any of the 2012 debates. Root has his former college classmate at Columbia University. "I never knew him," he said. "Which is kind of strange considering we were both poli sci and pre-law. There were maybe 700 students with that major and emphasis. I've asked around and not a single student remembers him. However, Columbia University claims he attended with me, and I'll take their word for it."

Several newspaper articles have highlighted the fact that Obama's college apartment recently was available for \$1,900 a month. Obama was a junior when he rented the 142 W. 109th St. apartment.

I recently read the impressive autobiography by Karl Rove, *Courage and Consequence: My Life as a Conservative in the Fight*. He had some high praise for Miguel Estrada, referring to him as "one of America's great legal minds." Rove adds, "Born in Honduras, Estrada had emigrated to the United States when he was 17, with limited command of the English language. He graduated magna cum laude from Harvard Law School, where he was an editor of the *Harvard Law Review*. He clerked for Justice Anthony Kennedy of the Supreme Court and served with distinction at the Justice Department. Judicial Committee Democrats, fearful that Estrada might become the first Hispanic nominated to the Supreme Court, tried to paint him as a legal extremist even as the American Bar Association rated him 'well-qualified' for nomination to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit, the nation's second-highest court. The League of United Latin American Citizens also lauded Estrada for his 'experience and strong bi-partisan support from those who have worked with him.' When years later [Charles] Schumer cautioned Republicans about offending Hispanics during the confirmation of Sonia Sotomayor to the Supreme Court, I laughed at his hypocrisy."

I recently acquired the licensing rights for Snoopy for my pet company. We continue to have success with our ASPCA branding in pet, as well. The licensing niche also has been successful for us in the

baby category, where we own the branding rights to Fisher-Price, Disney (Pooh, Mickey and Cars), Sesame Street, Baby Looney Tunes and LUVS (P&G).

My Class Notes column is only as good as the contributions I get from you. If you enjoy reading about your classmates, you are obligated to share some information about your own life. Please send an e-mail or give me a call.

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"Recently I accepted the position of CEO of Epsilon LLC, a software company in the teaching and learning space. Epsilon is based in Indianapolis, which has necessitated a relocation from Los Angeles. My wife, Allison, is an elementary school teacher, which is helpful to our children, Hannah (13), Emma (10) and Jake (5). In keeping with the finest of Midwestern traditions, if you're in Indy, give us a call to stop by."

Regarding Professor Karl-Ludwig Selig, as many of you know, there is a gaggle of former students (including yours truly) and friends visiting and communicating often with the Great Professor.

Despite some physical difficulties, his mind is still sharp, and he is deeply interested in staying in touch with all Columbians.

Please call him anytime from 9 a.m.-7 p.m. (212-799-2232) and/or visit him at Attna, 333 W. 86th St., Apt. 406, New York, NY 10024.

As a special tribute, his friend and colleague, Professor Sebastian Jehle, a scholar in Berlin, is compiling information for and editing a "memorial book." To this end, he asks that all friends and colleagues of KLS send their essays, poems and memories to jehle@uni-potsdam.de.

Representing our class at the yearly Columbia College Fund Leadership Conference on November 6 were **John P. Peretti**, **Louis Vlahos** and yours truly, **Dennis Klainberg**. Among the highlights: an interview and Q&A with Dean Michele Moody-Adams, meetings with fellow alumni on ways to raise funds for Old Blue, a presentation by Dean of Undergraduate Admissions Jessica Marinaccio and a report from seniors on just how well

Columbia is faring. Truly a motivational and awe-inspiring meeting! If any of you would like to attend in the future, please advise. The more Class Agents, the better!

And you don't have to wait until next reunion, or June, to make a contribution to the College. The value of your diploma is 1,000 times more than you could have ever imagined. The need to assist future generations of graduates (including possibly your own kids?) is vital. So please, be as generous as you can each and every year! Give at college. columbia.edu/giveonline.

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Happy 2011! After several months of wall-to-wall updates, we have less "new news" to report, so please send your updates so we can again fill up the update pipeline.

I have one housekeeping matter from reunion: When you are talking too fast, having too much of a good time and trying to work the room, one Barry can inadvertently become another Barry. As I was making my mental notes on the Saturday night of reunion, I mixed up the updates from two of our classmate Barrys (our class had three Barrys, all of whom were at the reunion). My apologies for the mix-up, and I appreciate the Barrys' graciousness in how they handled it. So here are their corrected updates:

Barry Kanner is the director of interventional radiology for a large radiology group covering six hospitals in Westchester (and tries to stay away from lawyers). He lives in Riverdale, almost overlooking Robert K. Kraft Field, along with MJ, his wife of 19 years, and three kids. He keeps in touch with many Columbians, including David Leibowitz, Steven Farber (both living in Israel), David Avigan, Jay Barth, David Reich, Judah Cohen, Barry Schwartz and Marty Moskovitz. Four of them made it to the 25th reunion and had a wonderful time.

Barry Schwartz is a partner in the corporate department of Cole, Schotz, Meisel, Forman & Leonard, a 130-attorney firm and one of the largest in New Jersey. "I work on mergers and acquisitions, secured lending, trademark licensing and general corporate matters primarily for closely-held corporations and physician groups. Lately, I've been busy with Article 9 non-judicial foreclosures. I have been married to Roberta (Krebs) for 19 years, have two children, and live in West Orange, N.J."

"Aside from **Barry Kanner**, at our 25th reunion, I saw my Colum-

bia roommate of four years, Dr. **Marty Moskowitz**. Marty is a plastic surgeon with a practice called 'Image Plastic Surgery' in Paramus, N.J., and has been married to Boni (Loebenberg) '86 Barnard for 23 years. Marty has three children. The oldest is a freshman at Cornell. He also is my neighbor, having moved a few blocks from me several years ago upon returning to his native West Orange from Houston. (At that time, houses next to me were not available.)

I had the pleasure of attending Homecoming on October 23. Although I didn't see a tremendous alumni presence from our generation, it was a beautiful fall day and very enjoyable (albeit we had another heartbreaking football loss). I highly recommend it for next year.

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Happy New Year! We are less than five months away from our 25th Alumni Reunion Weekend, to be held Thursday, June 2-Sunday, June 5. Please plan to attend, and join our Facebook group: Columbia College Class of 1986.

Anthony Lugo '87 sent an update. "After a decade as an underwriting director for a major insurance company, I started my own successful agency. Last year, my wife, Hadia, gave birth to twin boys. I now run my agency part-time to focus more on my boys and philanthropic endeavors. Realizing the importance of an education, being the father of three boys (a 16-year-old and the twins) has made it clear that our young people today need adult role models to follow. As such, I also am a tutor for a nonprofit, For Each1 Reach1 Mentoring Program (foreach1reach1.com), where I mentor young adults on developing positive life skills that will make them productive members of our community."

Dan Chenok wrote from Bethesda, Md., where he lives with his wife, Jill Levison Chenok '87, and three daughters. He recently started as v.p. for technology strategy with IBM Global Business Services, working with clients at all levels of government, health care and higher education on how best to leverage IT strategy and innovation to meet their goals and objectives. He also

chairs the Information Security and Privacy Advisory Board, which works with OMB and Congress on addressing security and privacy in their activities.

Bill Seligman reminded me that his 14 1/2 year-old freshman hallmate, **David Rakoff**, is publicizing his new book, *Half Empty*. In addition to an NPR interview in September, David made an appearance on *The Daily Show with Jon Stewart* in October. [Editor's note: See the "Bookshelf" feature in September/October. college.columbia.edu/oct_sep_oct10.]

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We start off this column with the doubly sad news of the deaths of two classmates. **Edward S. Fettman** passed away on June 21 in Bridgeport, Conn. He had been teaching English as a Second Language at Rockland Community College in Suffern, N.Y., for 20 years. He is memorialized with a College scholarship in his name. And many of you probably know from reading the papers of the passing of **Greg Giraldo** on September 29. We will have more remembrances of Greg, and how he got to be the great comedian he was, in the next issue.

In happier news, **Jonathan Wald** has been named the executive producer of CNN's new show *Piers Morgan Tonight*. Jonathan is a former executive producer of NBC's *Today* and *Nightly News* as well as the former s.v.p. of CNBC.

Mia MacDonald is the executive director of Brighter Green, a New York-based public policy action tank that she founded and that received nonprofit status in 2008. Brighter Green's work focuses on issues at the intersection of the environment, animals and global development, and encompasses policy analysis, publications, documentary, education and outreach, blogging and project development.

Part of Mia's work has included a collaboration with Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Wangari Maathai and the Green Belt Movement, including work on Maathai's two recent books, *The Challenge for Africa (2009)* and *Replenishing the Earth: Spiritual Values for Healing Ourselves and the World*. Mia attended the COP 15 climate change meetings in Copenhagen in December 2009, where Brighter Green co-sponsored a panel with the Green Belt Movement and the Nobel Women's Initiative. (Mia said, "I got to speak along with Wangari Maathai, which was great but nerve-wracking, too!") Mia plans to attend the COP

16 climate summit in Cancun, Mexico, with a (small) Brighter Green delegation.

Mia lives in Brooklyn with her partner, Martin Rowe, a publisher and writer. About a year ago, they completed a "green" home renovation in a row house built in the 1880s. She said, "I learned a lot and really like the results. Now we're looking into greening the infrastructure, too."

Joe Meisel is the new deputy provost at Brown, after spending 11 years as program officer for research universities and humanistic scholarship at the Mellon Foundation. Joe has his bachelor's, master's and Ph.D. in history, all from Columbia, and has taught history at Columbia, Teachers College and Baruch.

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[Editor's note: CCT thanks **Abha Jain Sinha** for her year of service as class correspondent and welcomes **Eric Fusfield** as the new class correspondent.]

Hello, Class of '88! It's been about, oh, 22 1/2 years since I've spoken with many of you, but now that I'm taking my turn as class correspondent, I look forward to renewing acquaintances.

James E. Porter writes: "The time sure does fly, particularly when your oldest of eight children turns 18. I would like very much to catch up with my peers from the Classes of '87 and '88. I am still fighting my court case in Philadelphia, with respect to not receiving payment for our commercial business. I received a default judgment in the millions but need an expert in real estate transactions who is willing to go against Commerce Bank/T.D. North."

N. Paul San Filippo has been living in Naples Fla., since 1996. He is a partner in the law firm Seidensticker & San Filippo, practicing in the areas of commercial litigation, personal injury and wrongful death. He has been married to Julie for 13 years and has a son, Ryan (9). Paul enjoys boating and fishing.

Laura Prendergast writes: "I acquired a master's from NYU in recombinant DNA technology. I've since worked as an adjunct lecturer (bic logy courses, mainly) at local community colleges in New Jersey and as a business manager for a researcher at Columbia University Medical Center. In December 2009, I moved to Albany to accept a job as a senior research techni-

cian at Albany Medical College, where I perform experimentation in molecular immunology. Other projects include polishing a full-length screenplay and advocating for a homeless man I met while at Columbia who was convicted (wrongfully, I feel) of a homicide that happened on West 114th Street in 1989. I would also like to set up a not-for-profit agency to implement the use of information technology to help streamline the process of getting benefits to homeless people. And finally, I formed an LLC (VectorGen) last year for the purpose of developing a genetic vector to combat HIV, in furtherance of which I am revising a Small Business Innovation Research grant application to develop a proof of concept and recruiting a collaborator on the faculty of Albany Medical College."

As for your new class correspondent, after collecting graduate degrees in law, international affairs and modern Jewish studies, I have put them to use working in public advocacy the past 12 years. Back in my native Washington, D.C., area, I am director of legislative affairs at B'nai B'rith International and deputy director of its Center for Human Rights and Public Policy. With offices in the United States, Europe, Latin America and Israel, we are engaging public officials on international and domestic policy issues ranging from the Iranian nuclear threat to religious freedom in the workplace.

My wife, Hedieh, and I have been married for three years. The Arlington, Va., address you see at the top of this column is new; as of this writing, we are selling our condo and closing on a townhouse.

That's my story in short. I'd love to hear yours. I'll reach out to you in the coming months, but feel free to reach me first and share your latest happenings. Talk to you soon.

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I had the opportunity this past fall to meet Dean Michele Moody-Adams at a luncheon in Boston organized by Sherri Pancer Wolf '90. Sherri is the CFO of a consumer products startup. She and her husband, Doug Wolf '88, and their three kids live in the Boston area and loyally attend many Columbia sporting events in the fall and winter. Of the event with Dean Moody-Adams, Sherri writes, "The Dean's Alumnae Leadership Task Force lunch was a gift. It was a chance to engage an accomplished group of alumnae in the Boston area and gave us an opportunity

A Taste of Home in Antarctica, Courtesy of Gemma

By KIM MARTINEAU '97J

Gemma Tarlach '90's pastries have made mouths water at fine restaurants in exotic places, but her most loyal customers can be found on a frozen continent where penguins outnumber people. Since August, Tarlach has been a baker at McMurdo Station, a scientific research center that is the last stop for angel food cake before the South Pole.

"I love hearing from the guys who've been out all day in below-zero cold that the apple fritter I made was the highlight of their week," she says. "That's a lot more satisfying than having some guy give you a \$50 tip because he thought your strawberry-riesling soup with quenelle of black pepper ice cream was 'sublime.'"

After stints as a government worker and pop music critic, Tarlach found herself itching once again for a career change. She knew what she didn't want: long meetings, PowerPoint presentations and a BlackBerry glued to her side. She wanted a global, nomadic lifestyle that would offer plenty of autonomy.

What might seem like an

impossible set of criteria landed her at the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, N.Y., in 2006. She had spent — and enjoyed — the previous year at an organic bakery in Milwaukee, and she felt sure this new profession would offer job security. "People will always want chocolate cake and be too lazy to make it," she reasons.

Tarlach's ability to focus and to obsess over minute detail — skills she honed on Columbia's varsity archery team — have served her well in the kitchen. And her degree in comparative politics has given her an intellectual appreciation for the age-old recipes she often makes. "I love knowing that when I make royal icing it's the same way that a pâtissier serving the Sun King would have made it," she says. "I love knowing that marzipan came to Europe via the Crusades."

Before working in Antarctica, Tarlach was working at a posh resort in New Zealand where she kept hearing adventurous tales from people "coming off the ice." It had been her lifelong dream to visit all seven continents, so she applied for a



Mount Erebus, the world's southernmost volcano, is not far from McMurdo Station.

baking job at McMurdo.

In the kitchen, Tarlach works in a team of five, baking bread and pastries and fixing breakfast for about 1,200 people. The head baker sets the daily menu, often based on what's left in the fridge. An ice-breaking ship delivers their main provisions in January, when the sea ice is relatively thin. From mid-August through February, when her contract ends, planes deliver "freshies," or fruits, vegetables and dairy, once a week, weather permitting.

Tarlach works 10-hour days, six days a week, in a communal culture that is reminiscent of college. She lives with three roommates and looks forward to days when the occasional care package loaded with skin-soothing shea butter arrives (the dry climate and repeated hand washing has done a number on her hands). She also is learning constantly, at weekly Science Sunday lectures or by observing the wonders beyond her window — polar stratospheric clouds, Southern Lights and other phenomena.

The job has given Tarlach a chance to express her creative side. For Halloween, she dressed as a gargoyle, fashioning bat wings from garbage bags, a discarded tent and a broken exercise coil. Recently, she transformed leftover angel food cake for the McMurdo crowd. "I cubed it," she wrote in an e-mail. "I toasted it, spread it on a serving platter, topped it with (thawed) frozen berries and whipped up a rum and orange sabayon."

"I wish everyone hadn't eaten it so fast," she adds. "I wanted some."

Tarlach always has had a creative streak. She decorated her bathroom in Milwaukee to the theme "Toilet of the Gods," a play on Led Zeppelin's *Twilight of the Gods*, featuring hot pink paint and pictures of Hindu gods, says her friend Christina Fitzgerald '91, an English teacher at the University of Toledo. "I like to describe Gemma as Martha Stewart on acid," Fitzgerald says.

Tarlach talks less about her life before Columbia, saying only she was "at odds" with the New Jersey town where she grew up. She picked Columbia for its reputation, location and



The Hut Point Ridge Loop Trail offers views of the Ross Ice Shelf and Royal Society Mountains.

PHOTOS: COURTESY GEMMA TARLACH '90

Tarlach '90

early admission policy that allowed her to skip her senior year of high school to start college early.

At Columbia, it was dinosaurs, not questions of statehood, that most grabbed Tarlach. Her favorite class was Paul Olsen's "Dinosaurs and the History of Life," where she picked up enough Jurassic-era trivia to dazzle her nieces and nephews decades later. "He seemed so passionate about his field that you thought he might explode if he had to keep it all inside without students with whom to share it," she says.

For all the time she spends with food, Tarlach would not describe herself as a "foodie." "I am certainly not one of those insufferable bores who goes on and on about being able to taste wet summer slate in a glass of sauvignon blanc," she says.

What Tarlach likes most about her current job is that comforting Nilla Wafer pudding is as welcome as a glass of chocolate mousse with raspberry inserts.

Her advice to amateur bakers: Don't skimp on butter, eggs or cream. People sometimes complain to Tarlach that a recipe they tried didn't turn out right. She will learn later that they substituted apple sauce for eggs or skipped the butter.

"If you're going to make dessert, do it for real and just have a smaller piece of the result," she recommends. "If you can't handle that, just have a piece of fruit. A beautiful piece of perfectly ripe fruit, to me, is the best dessert you can have."

Kim Martineau '97J is communications manager at *Communications Alternatives*, a walking, bicycling and public transit advocacy group in New York City.

to get to know Michele. She shared her vision for broader alumnae leadership, which has renewed my excitement about Columbia and I hope will reinvigorate other alumnae as well."

Alumnae guests at the luncheon were Jennifer Winn Aronson '96, Ellen M. Bossert '86, Whitney Connaughton '88, Betsy Gompertz '93, Caitlin Elizabeth Pendergast '06, Elizabeth Reza Skelly '92, Ruby Kam Woo '95, Nina Zipser '94, and Sherri and myself. I found it fun to reminisce about our college experience and discuss our current relationship with Columbia. It also was nice to see Dean Moody-Adams' face light up as she described the students and how inspiring they are.

Some of you have been writing in via the CCT website (college.columbia.edu/cct/submit_class_note), which is exciting. I heard from **Jeffrey Berg** this way. Jeffrey lives in Connecticut. He wrote, "My wife, Susanna Dunne Berg, and I have opened a store, H.A. Dunne & Co., in New Milford, Conn. After losing my job in February 2009, following 15 years in information technology, I decided to do something different. My wife had inherited from her father a collection of more than 5,000 photographic negatives of New York City, mostly photographed between 1880 and 1950, along with antique maps, advertising art and other ephemera. We decided to turn the collections into a business, opening a store and building a website (hadunne.com). The H.A. Dunne Archive offers a nostalgic look into the history of New York City. Among our many photos are quite a few of the Columbia campus in the early 20th century. Researching the history of all the artifacts in our collections has been more fun than I've had at work in a long time."

Last fall, Kellee Tsai '96 SIPA, '99 GSAS, a professor in the Department of Political Science and former director of the East Asian Studies Program at Johns Hopkins, was named vice dean for humanities, social sciences and graduate programs.

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Thank goodness for news about David Terry. Otherwise this short column would have been all about me, and that would have been weird. From the pages of *Biotech Week*, "David has been appointed principal at the Chartis Group, a healthcare advisory services firm. Terry is a leader in the firm's Align-

ment and Accountable Care Practice. His healthcare career spans nearly 20 years, during which he has served as a management consultant and as a senior healthcare executive. Terry's experience spans a number of healthcare settings, including acute care hospitals, integrated delivery networks, academic medical centers, physician practices, home healthcare, skilled nursing, hospice, dialysis and managed care. His most recent work includes strategic planning, physician alignment and developing strategic affiliations. Prior to joining The Chartis Group, Terry was the founder and president of the consulting firm Salvectus Healthcare. He also served as s.v.p. of business development for Harborside Healthcare, a long-term healthcare company, and as the director of product management for Partners Community Healthcare, Inc., the for-profit physician network arm of Partners Healthcare System in Boston."

And if this hasn't already been mentioned years ago in this column, David earned an M.B.A. from Harvard.

For the first time since I started writing this column in 2001, I almost missed my deadline. Shock, horror! The reason is that I am on maternity leave and not so focused on non-baby duties. I'm happy to announce the birth of our daughter, Aviva Brooke Jacobs, on September 25, in Silver Spring, Md. I can't stress enough how much better it is driving to a hospital that is five minutes away versus an hour away. Born at 7:30 a.m., Aviva has proven herself to be most considerate, allowing me a full night's sleep the night before and not interfering with other planned activities that weekend. Life has been great for all of us since her arrival.

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Greetings, everyone! Jennifer Levine sent this update: "I am a cosmetic plastic surgeon in NYC, specializing in the face and neck. I also do Botox, Juvederm, Restylane and so on. I love it! I am in private practice on the Upper East Side,

and I have an academic position at NYU so it is a good mix. I am happily married to a wonderful guy, Randy, who has a candy and snack business. We have two beautiful girls, Payton (10) and Kate (4). I am close friends with Michelle Foxman and Debbie Gruber. I run into people all the time in the city, and it is always fun to reconnect."

Jacqueline Harounian is a partner in a boutique matrimonial law firm, Wisselman, Harounian & Associates. She was recently named a 2010 Super Lawyer in family law, an honor that is awarded to fewer than 5 percent of attorneys in New York. Jackie keeps in touch with Michelle Walczyk '89, also an attorney. Jackie and her husband have been married for more than 20 years (since she was a sophomore at Columbia), and they have four children, ranging in age from 6-19.

Liz Levy wrote: "After we graduated, I came back to Texas to complete a Ph.D. in psychology at UT Austin. I have been in private practice in Austin as a clinical psychologist for more than 10 years, providing psychological evaluations for families involved with Child Protective Services and Juvenile Probation. In 1999, I married Aqueel Darbar, an electrical engineer, and in 2002, we had boy/girl fraternal twins who now are in third grade. Interestingly, my roomies **Liz Schumann** and **April Manlapaz '91E** went on to have boy/girl fraternal twins as well... must have been something in the water on West 114th Street. Outside of work, I spend most of my time schlepping my kids to tennis, piano and Hebrew school and get out on the courts myself when time permits. **Alex Cerniglia** joined our family for a beach vacation in December, and then he moved to Vienna to continue his work for the United Nations."

I hope everyone is making plans to attend our 20th Alumni Reunion Weekend, Thursday, June 2-Sunday, June 5. If you are interested in serving on the Reunion Committee, please contact Taruna Sadhoo,

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Gothamist.com business partners and school friends Jake Dobkin '98 and Jen Chung '98 enjoyed the Central Park Zoo last summer with their children, Max (left) and Katharine.

assistant director, Alumni Affairs: tds2110@columbia.edu or 212-851-7849. Committee members and volunteers do not need to live in the NYC area in order to participate in the planning efforts—meetings can be attended in person or via conference call. Looking forward to seeing everyone!

Until next time ... cheers!

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Hi again. The mailbox was somewhat light this time around. I don't want us to slip back into the zero category, so please, write in and tell me what's going on.

I was pleased to receive another submission through the electronic means that CCT set up last summer (college.columbia.edu/cct/submit_class_note). Ish (Ishmael) Klein wrote in with the happy news about a new book of poems. In 2009, *Unlorn!* was published by Canarium Press. Ish reports that in 2011, *Moving Day*, a second book of poems, will hit the shelves. Congratulations!

Congratulations also are in order for Scott Black, who had been an assistant regional director for the Securities and Exchange Commission and left to become general counsel and chief compliance officer at Hudson Bay Capital Management in NYC, which runs a hedge fund. Scott's news didn't just make this column ... He became our first classmate, that I am aware of, to be cited by name in abovealaw.com, a popular legal blog.

More in the next column, I hope. I really do look forward to hearing from you.

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The Class of '93 is doing pretty well in the NFL. Ah! Towle started an exciting job this fall as the director of marketing for the San Francisco 49ers, where she has already met the likes of Jerry Rice and Steve Young, as well as John Elway when the 49ers played the Broncos in London this fall. Thad Sheely, who is the e.v.p., finance and stadium, for the New York Jets, also saw the fruits of his labor with the opening of the Jets' new stadium this fall. Congratulations to both of you!

Please continue sending news to share with your classmates.

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Marina (Gurin) Groothuis' husband, **Erik Groothuis**, is a partner at Schlam, Stone & Dolan as of January 1. And Marina has been increasingly busy with her new calling as a yoga instructor. Since she became certified, Marina has been teaching while her daughters, Maddie (8) and Maya (6), are in school. "I teach a couple of group classes at Om Sweet Om Yoga in Port Washington, N.Y. I also teach in-home private sessions and go into the city to teach yoga for a corporate client, in the conference room. I teach at their retreats as well," Marina writes. "It has really picked up, and I am as busy as I can be during the time the kids are gone. When the kids come home, I am on hand for homework and to drive them to all their activities. So life is good! I am so blessed to be doing something that I love."

Thanks to Marina for the update! As for the rest of you CC '94 folks, what's happening in your world? Please share!

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Kendra Crook writes from Mahwah, N.J., that she and her husband had their second baby on March 5. Margaret Ruth Saritt weighed in at 12 lbs., 3½ oz., and was 21½ in. long.

"Our son, Charlie, who recently turned 4, has really taken to the big brother role, thank God!" she writes.

Thanks to Kendra for the following updates:

Sarah Lorge Butler is writing for CBSMoneyWatch.com, a blog about personal finances/expenses,

and finished writing *Run Your Butt Off*, which will be released in April. **Erin Bertucci** is an adjunct professor of organizational effectiveness at NYU. **Rich Altman** is a v.p. in the accounting department at Wyndham Hotels. **Jenny Kim** has her own jewelry line in San Francisco. (Kendra bought several Christmas gifts from her last year and loved her work.)

Alex Goor now is CIO in New York for Interactive Data Corp., a provider of financial market data, analytics and related solutions, according to a press release.

Thanks for the updates, and please keep the news coming.

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Greetings, classmates. **Dulcie Lin** lives in Tribeca and has three children (6, 4 and 2). Her time is spent juggling her children's schedules and her career as a v.p., associate broker with the Corcoran Group. She hopes to see some people at reunion. Which gives me a smooth lead-in to remind you all: Alumni Reunion Weekend will be Thursday, June 2–Sunday, June 5. Mark your calendars now!

Jeremy Craig is nearing his 10th year in Singapore and writes that he doesn't know where the time has gone: "My little tax shelter of an SAT preparation company continues to keep a roof over my head and has expanded to Bali (seriously!), Jakarta, Vietnam, Brunei (look it up), Malaysia and China (sort of). When not prattling on about isosceles triangles and subject-verb agreement in those exotic locations, I play golf at least twice a week (down to a 6 handicap), go to wine dinners, attend pub quizzes and try not to get too worked up about anything."

If any of you are going through Singapore, let Jeremy know (jercraig@yahoo.com).

Natasha Kohne moved to Abu Dhabi from NYC more than two years ago and opened the Abu Dhabi office for the law firm of Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld, where she has worked for more than seven years and is managing partner, leading a group of 14 lawyers. Natasha is married and has a daughter who is almost 1. She encourages everyone to visit Abu Dhabi and to contact her if you

have questions about the region.

Michael Robbins lives in Tokyo and is a partner at Bain Consulting.

Dan Ganitsky joined the Latin America Group of Proskauer Rose. Following his graduation from the Law School, Dan worked at Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom. He has played significant roles in numerous public company transactions, acquisitions of private businesses, restructurings, proxy contests and financial adviser representations, including serving as adviser to many high-profile investment banks and financial services companies throughout Latin America.

Wendy Lefko Messeloff, who is a principal of and grants and communications consultant for Perfect World Consulting Group, continues to focus on grant writing, communications and research projects for a mix of Cleveland-area nonprofit clients. Her husband, Dan, is a litigator with the labor and employment firm Ogletree Deakins.

Hilda Ramirez and her husband welcomed a second daughter, **Leyla Celeste Abreu**, last April. Hilda has returned to her previous position as systems analyst, as it allows her to telecommute and spend more time with her girls. She studies the oboe and plays in a local woodwind quintet.

Amy Kramer (née Weiss) and her husband, Max, have three kids, twins Jack and Gabrielle (5), and Daniel (2). Last April, Amy joined the Labor and Employment Law Group of Morgan, Lewis & Bockius in Philadelphia as an associate, and in the same month started teaching Turbo Kick, a cardio kickboxing class, at a gym once a week (on her day off from the law firm).

Ann Zipkin, a graphic designer in Connecticut, has been working for herself for almost 10 years. Her husband runs an executive air charter company, Tradewind Aviation, out of Oxford, Conn., but serves the New York Metro area with scheduled service to Nantucket and Martha's Vineyard as well as a route from San Juan to St. Barts. They have two sons (3 and 5).

Jill Van Beke (née Fromson) and her husband, Chris, recently had a daughter. Chris is prepping her for Penn, but she has Columbia College Class of 2032 in mind. Wish choice, Jill.

Keith Simon is an architect for Beck Architecture. He and his wife, Carolyn, have two sons, EJ (3) and Harlan (1). They live in Austin.

That's all I have for now. Keep sending in news! I leave you with this from one of my favorite comedians:

"The New York Post quoted Hil-

lary Clinton saying that she would never run for President, declaring 'That is not something I'm going to be doing,' which in Clinton talk means, 'I will be President in three years.'"

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What? No news? That's impossible. Put fingers to keyboard and send me your updates. Don't be shy.

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Happy New Year, classmates! It looks like our families keep getting bigger.

First, **Dahlia (Jacobs) Prager** and her husband, Ben, told us they live on the Upper West Side with their boys, Jacob (3) and Jonah (1). After six years as an associate at Davis Polk & Wardwell, Dahlia recently started a job as in-house counsel for the Bloomberg Family Foundation.

Then **Jen Chung** e-mailed with double baby news. Not only did she and her husband, Jay Wilkins, have a girl, Katharine Patricia Chung Wilkins, in January 2010, but her business partner **Jake Dobkin**, and his wife, **Karen (Lesky) Dobkin**, had a boy, Max Ilan, in December 2009. Jen and Jake continue to grow their Gothamist.com empire [college.columbia.edu/ccct_archive/nov05], with local sites in Los Angeles (laist.com), Washington, D.C. (dcist.com), Chicago (chicagoist.com) and San Francisco (sfist.com). Congratulations to both couples on their new babies [see photo], and to Jen and Jake on the success of their media company.

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Hi, classmates. I'm utterly demoralized that no one ever writes in, so I asked the lovely and talented **Nina Tannenbaum** to take over this month's column. The result of this experiment, as I'm sure you'll agree, is dazzling. Take it away, Nina...

"Lauren and I brokered the deal for me to guest-write this month's Class Notes while we were at Andrew Dennington '01's wedding in October. While Lauren and I were scheming, alumni in attendance—**John Bennett**, Matt Poindexter '01, Manny Fishman '01, Ruth Altchek

'00 and Jacob Press '01—were perhaps getting to know the maid of honor... none other than **Sharon Hoffman**, whom we all had the pleasure of meeting. When I told Sharon that I would be writing the notes this month, she asked me to mention that she met her younger husband while at MIT (emphasis on younger). Indeed they are a lovely couple.

"To jog my memory to write the rest of these notes, Lauren offered to send me an Excel file with all your names. But I thought it would be more entertaining to flip through our freshman facebook (from 1995, original copy) to get some inspiration. I flipped through George Rupp's 'warm' welcome to us incoming freshman, and skipped past the photos of some of our favorite administrators, to arrive at a lovely photo of **Lauren Becker**, who only now did I realize was pictured next to my John Jay 9 floormate **Matt Beckerleg**. Several years ago, Matt and I ended up at business school together at MIT, which is the last time I saw him. Matt now lives in Montréal and is married with a son. Our other favorite Canadian (there were supposedly only three in our entire class), **Greg Nihon**, lives in Nassau, Bahamas.

"Speaking of John Jay 9, **Charlie Leykum** recently became a father. He sent this note: 'Elizabeth and I are thrilled to announce that Diane Elizabeth was born on July 23 at 6:48 a.m. in New York City. She arrived nine days late (just in time to be a Leo, like both of her parents). I look forward to taking Diane to Morrisdale Heights to see the College and introduce her to Nussbaum & Wu bagels!'

"Charlie really wanted to take Diane to Columbia Bagels, but quickly realized it was out of business. "Moving on to page 39 of our facebook, I see **John Greer**, who got his Ph.D. in math, the last I heard. **Scott Napolitano** and I have hit some Columbia cocktail events this year, where we inevitably see **Stacy Rotner**, who has recently been promoted to an exciting corporate responsibility role at her law firm. Pages and pages pass until I see someone else I recognize, **Vanessa Paulsen**, whom I ran into at an espresso bar in Midtown last year, as well as **Giacomo Pico**, whom I generally pass near Park Avenue. I also ran into my doppelganger, **Nina F. Travinsky** '99 Barnard, on Madison Avenue a couple months ago. She has a young child and is married to a former Blackstone colleague of mine.

"I have recently returned to the hedge fund world after a stint working in the entertainment business, and I also had the honor of guest-lecturing at Columbia



Julie Grinfeld '01 and Dr. David Orbach were married in May at the Central Park Boothouse. Among the family and friends joining the couple were **Sumathi Raja** '01, **Trina Chaudhuri** '01E, **Tania D'Alberti** '01, **Christina Okereke** '01 and **Lisa Grinfeld** '05 GSAS.

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earlier this year for Athletics Director M. Dianne Murphy's class in the School of Continuing Education. But more importantly, I have two brilliant Pomeranians that look and act like little lions, and would attend Columbia if given the chance."

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Juliet Ross and **Dan Burstein** were thrilled to welcome baby **Jack Baxster** in July. Juliet and Dan report that "Jack has been hanging out with lots of mom and dad's Columbia friends, including **Annie Ulevich**, **Eric Laufgraben**, **Susie Freeman**, **Randy Ausuberg** '01 and **Ted Wallach** '99. Jack had lots of fun meeting **Don Saelingier**, **Katherine Dube** '00 Barnard and their son, **Nate**, recently in San Francisco. While there, he also caught up with **Kat Rakowsky** and **Claire Hunsaker**. Here's hoping he gets to meet **Pete Cohan** and **Nathan Yellin** (and their parents) soon!"

Pei-Size Cheng also wrote in with great news: "Our son, **Jack Emanuel Basner**, was born on September 8, four days before his due date. He was just 6 lbs., 5 oz., at birth but is turning out to be quite the bruiser. Phillip and I are in awe of him."

Jaime Sanders Tarasov and her husband, **Glen**, celebrated their first anniversary on November 21. **Nikunj Shanti** '00E, **Nida Qadir**, **Kim Fisher**, **Pearl Wang**, **Ozlem Bankolgu Chung**, **Sheannon Chung** '01 and **Maia Ridberg** '99 were in attendance at the Philadelphia wedding. **Jaime** and **Glen** reside in Cinnaminson, N.J., and **Jaime** is a third-year resident in anesthesiology at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital in Philadelphia, where she attended medical school. **Glen** is a software engineer.

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Hi everyone. Hope things are going well. I have lots of exciting news to report...

Dina Epstein and her husband, **Eitan Levinson**, welcomed their son, **Ezra Shai**, into the world on October 6. Ezra weighed in at 8 lbs., 2 oz., and measured 20½ in. I'm so happy for Dina and Eitan!

Christian Spurling and **Jacqueline O'Neill Sparling** '03 Barnard welcomed daughter **Violet Elizabeth** on October 12. Christian recently moved to South Orange, N.J., and is the director of operations at North Star Academy Charter School of Newark.

Courtney Vowels and **John Gamevics** proudly announce the birth of their daughter, **Eden Gary Gamevics-Vowels**, born October 26 at 8:25 p.m., weighing 8 lbs., 10 oz., and measuring 21 in. Congratulations to Courtney and John!

Katie Campion recently relocated with her fiancé, **Matthew Land** '05 (former captain of the basketball team), to Houston. They will eventually settle in Matt's hometown of Tulsa. After nearly a decade at the Council of Fashion Designers of America in New York, Katie has started her own consulting company, **Katie Campion Consulting**. Among other projects, she is working on Divine Design, a six-day shopping event in Los Angeles that benefits Project Angel Food. Although she misses her friends and family back east, Katie is enjoying her life in



Scott Hartman '05 and Gwyneth McClendon '05 returned to campus to celebrate their wedding, tying the knot at St. Paul's Chapel. Celebrating with the couple were (back row, left to right) Steve Poellot '05, Nick Carr '04, Sarah Katz '04, Barnard, Sam Rosenfeld '04, Erica De Bruin '04, Jesse Alexander-Hoepfner '04 and Mike DiLorenzo '05; and (front row, left to right), Dina Hoffer '04, Alexandra Seggerman '05, Garrett McDonough '05, the groom, the bride and Jonathan Shukat '05.

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Houston with Matt and their adorable French bulldog puppy, Gibbs. Katie and Matt will be back in New York quite a bit in 2011, leading up to their wedding in October.

Kate Goldstein-Breyer married Judson Laver Coplan on October 10 in San Francisco. Kate is a publicist for Postcard Communications and Consulting, a public relations firm in San Francisco. Judson is a product line manager in the marketing department of Apple in Cupertino, Calif. He graduated from Amherst and earned an M.B.A. from NYU.

Julie Orbach (née Grinfeld; see photo) recently started a company, Brain-Go. "We make fun and educational games for kids, and we have our first app out on the app store on our site, brain-go.com." Congrats to Julie on her new venture.

Best wishes to all, and please do keep in touch.

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Julian White has been appointed to the New York State Real Estate Appraisal Board.

Tiffany Rounselle moved back to her hometown of St. Louis this past summer. She is interviewing for jobs and reconnecting with her family. "It has been an amazing journey," she writes.

David Epstein is a staff writer at *Sports Illustrated*. He recently signed a book deal to write about genetics and sports stemming from an article he wrote earlier this year. He lives in Brooklyn with his girlfriend, Elizabeth Green.

In August, David, Evan Zeisel, Lee Kowitz '04, Ryan Heath '05, and Dan Knappmiller '05, who was

stationed in Anchorage with the Air Force, went hiking, camping and whitewater rafting in Alaska.

Evan writes, "I am in the middle of filming a TV pilot pitch, playing the lead; I am working with the ARTZ Foundation, writing and developing plays specifically for individuals with Alzheimer's; and I am in pre-production for a feature-length film I am producing that begins filming in January. I also continue to run the Manhattan-based private tutoring company Ivy League Student Aid & Testing Services, which I founded a number of years ago."

While doing all of this, he also attended the wedding of Michael Greenfield and Shabu Ahamed '02 Barnard, as well as the wedding of Cie-Jai Brown '00 and Jennifer Carr in October, where a number of CU alumni were in attendance from a spectrum of classes.

Karen Austrian got married in Israel at the beginning of October. Alison Hirsh was in attendance.

Miriam Sheinbein is in her last year of residency in family medicine at UCSF. Her husband, Yaron Milgrom-Eloct (brother of Noam Eloct '00), opened a restaurant in San Francisco in March called Local Mission Eatery. They had their second child at the end of November.

And, lastly, I have very sad news. Irina Shekhts, a Brooklyn Law graduate, passed away in a plane crash in Nepal on her 30th birthday.

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Congratulations to University Trustee Michael Rothfeld, '69, '71J, '71 SIPA, '71 Business on receiving

the prestigious Alexander Hamilton Award! Michael was very supportive of our class and student life when we were at the College, so join me in congratulating him. [Editor's note: See feature.]

Now, on to some updates from some future award winners:

Sam Arora has been elected a delegate from Montgomery County to the Maryland General Assembly, which is Maryland's equivalent of the State House. He'd love to stay in touch with Columbia alumni. All of his contact information is at samarora.com.

Jennifer Last writes, "Bryan Baskin and I were married in Healdsburg, Calif., last June. Leena Gupta (née Krishnaswamy), Jill Freedman (née Janeczek), Nathania Nisonson and Lauren Cahill '03 Barnard were in our wedding party and celebrated the weekend in wine country with us. We live in Tribeca, and I work in emerging markets for Credit Suisse."

Gabriel Gambardella writes, "Last May, I graduated from medical school at Temple, where I was president of my class for four years. While there, I was inducted into the Sterling Harford Anatomical Honor Society as well as the Pi Delta National Honor Society and was named in *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges*. I'm a resident physician at Yale New Haven Hospital and will specialize in reconstructive foot and ankle surgery and limb salvage. It's definitely nice to be back home in New Haven around family and friends. I'm living right outside of New Haven with my girlfriend, who's a nurse in the neurosurgery ICU. Looking forward to visiting NYC soon! Tell the Class of '03 I said, 'What's up?'"

Adam Kushner recently left *Newsweek* to join the *National Journal* as its deputy editor. Lisa Pettersson debuted in a new play, *Home Sweet Home*, which is based on true events and interviews with Danish soldiers.

Elizabeth Gould (née Gilroy) and her husband, Julian Gould '03 Princeton, had their third daughter, Abby Julia, on July 25. Sisters are Kate (3) and Ella (2). John Church writes, "On September 27, my wife, Sara '08 Nursing, and I welcomed our first child, Daniel Gerald, into the world. We live in our hometown of Norwalk, Conn. Sara is a midwife at Norwalk Hospital. I have spent the last four-plus years at the Sports & Arts in Schools Foundation, one of New York City's largest nonprofit providers of school-based after-school programs, where I manage the company's data department."

Lily Binns is co-executive director of Filobolus Dance Theatre, a modern dance company celebrating its 40th anniversary this year, and is producing collaborations

with multi-disciplinary artists such as Japanese Butoh master Takuya Muramatsu, the MIT Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence Laboratory, Orpheus Chamber Orchestra and the band OK Go!

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Happy New Year CC '04!

I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season and a fantastic end to 2010. Don't be shy. Please send me your news and updates!

In June, David Jelenko left the world of corporate and entertainment law to become senior talent manager and general counsel at Next Round Entertainment. David's clients include Kyle Grooms (*Chappelle's Show*, *Comedy Central Presents*), Judson Laipply (*The Evolution of Dance*, *America's Got Talent*) and Collin Moulton (*Bob & Tom*, upcoming special on Showtime).

Jessica Braun released her first solo album, *Waveside*, in September. Adam Gidwitz recently published a novel for middle-schoolers, *A Tale Dark and Grimm*, which received positive reviews from *The New York Times Book Review*.

In graduate school news, Selena Soo '05 started graduate business school at NYU Stern in the fall. Nuria Net writes, "After six years in Brooklyn, I'm back in Manhattan living on the Lower East Side and back on campus attending the Journalism School for a one-year M.A. program, concentrating in arts and culture. It's fun to be back, but also weird not seeing familiar faces from '04."

Finally, congratulations to Miklos Vasarhelyi and Daniel Goldman, who completed the NYC Marathon in November. They were cheered on by James Lee '05, Chris Mellia and Angela Georgopoulos.

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Hope you had a great 2010! Let's start with some wedding announcements:

In June, Gwyneth McClendon and Scott Hartman were married at St. Paul's Chapel on Columbia's campus. Garrett McDonough and Jesse Alexander-Hoepfner '04 were in the wedding party. Also attending were Nick Carr '04, Erica De Bruin '04, Mike DiLorenzo, Dina Hoffer '04, Sarah Katz '04, Barnard, Steve Poellot, Sam Rosenfeld '04, Alex Seggerman and Jonathan Shukat. [See photo.]

Molly Friedensohn was mar-

ried on July 31 to Andrew Breiner in Cape Cod, Mass. Classmates in attendance included **Jennifer Legum Weber**, **Grace Sterritt**, **Moira O'Toole** and **Jana Whiting Oosterhuis**.

Diana Benton Schechter was married to Jason Schechter on October 2 at the New York Botanical Garden. Many Columbians were there, including **Randy Berkowitz '04**, **Erin Cicalese '04E**, **Kirstin Ericson**, **Chris Kim '04**, **Mike Lazar '05E**, **Scott Linhorst '04E**, **Julia Bartolf Milne '04**, **Keren Mizrahi**, **Sarah Murphy '05E**, **Angie Shin '05** and the bride's father, **Dr. Arnold Benton '53**.

Irina Decter and **Vishal Govil '05E** were married in a two-day Jewish-Indian wedding that took place in Florham Park, N.J., and Melville, N.Y., September 4-5. Alumni in attendance included **Natasha Shapiro**, **Yelena Sorokina '05** and **Giovanni Ruffini '05** CSAS, **Michael Liu '04**, **Sarah Kachan-Liu '05E**, **Stephen Podowitz '05E**, **Gaurav Singal '05E**, **Jason Liang '05E**, **David Raj '05E**, **Payam Abdoost '04E** and **Stephen Lee '05** CSAS.

Congrats to all the newlyweds!

After five years at *Newsweek*, **Nick Summers** moved to the *New York Observer*, where he writes the media column. Any alumni working in media are encouraged to get in touch with him at nsommers@observer.com.

Maggie Gram continues her Ph.D. program at Harvard, where she teaches discussion sections for literature classes and is writing a dissertation about how the Civil Rights Movement changed American literature.

Becker Chase is at Booz & Co. doing energy and private equity related work. By night, he is starting an angel investing circle focused on helping to grow sustainable businesses in Maine. He welcomes any Mainers who are interested in getting involved. Becker also is still hanging out with **Garrett McDonough**, **Pepin Gelardi '05E** and **Phil Sandick**.

Jason Frazer recently relocated to Columbus, Ohio, where he is a reporter for WBNS-TV/Ohio News Network. WBNS is the top-rated station in Columbus and one of the strongest CBS affiliates in the country.

Chaim Kagedan recently completed a clerkship with The Honorable Leonard I. Garth '42 of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, an experience he describes as "immensely fulfilling and enjoyable." Chaim has since rejoined the litigation department at Davis Polk & Wardwell's New York office, where he was fortunate enough to be assigned to an office neighboring that of **Marc Tobak**, with whom he also attended law school. Chaim and his wife, **Heather (née Verstaen-**

dig) '05 Barnard, and their daughter, **Sophie Elle (1)**, were privileged to attend the circumcision ceremonies for the twin boys, **Shai** and **Ari**, born on August 19 to **Binyamin Berkovits** (Chaim's college roommate for all four years) and his wife, **Rachel Pollack-Berkovits '05** Barnard. Many family members and friends joined Binyamin and Rachel in welcoming the boys into their heritage, including **Dr. Geoffrey Pollack '75**, '79 P&S; **Aliza Rosenberg Berkovits '94** Barnard; **Ariel Zell '04** and his wife, **Beth Schussler '04** Barnard; **Yehuda Cohen '04** and his wife, **Arielle (née Feinberg) Cohen '04**; **Noah Schmutter '05E**; **Rebecca Kabat '04** Barnard; and **Elena Stiefel Lefkowitz '07** Barnard.

And lastly, a couple of entrepreneurs from our class made the news:

Bartek Ringwelski's company, **Skillslate**, received \$1 million of venture capital financing from two venture firms in NYC in late 2010. **Skillslate** allows consumers to easily find trusted individuals who provide services (movers, handymen, tutors, dog walkers, etc.) for a lower cost.

Doug Imbruce's new venture, **Qwikii**, which presents topics in a media-rich video format (think Wikipedia entries turned into enjoyable video clips), won TechCrunch Disrupt in September and was awarded \$50,000. [Editor's note: CCT profiled Imbruce in January/February 2007: college.columbia.edu/cct_archive/janfeb07.]

Congrats to both Bartek and Doug!

Sara Vasquez '05E married **Joe Wendler** on October 23 in Central Park. In attendance were **Amparo Garcia**, **Mauricio Quezada**, **Peter Wei**, **Qian Situ '05E**, **Andre Clark '05E**, **Karen Weber '04** and **Poyuan Chen '04**.

Happy New Year to everyone, and please keep the updates coming!

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Stephen Kunen is finishing his last year of law school at Emory and will work at Coca-Cola as an extern in its Global Marketing Department in his last semester. He recently secured an offer of employment at **Wilson Soncini Goodrich & Rosati**, an intellectual property law firm in Manhattan, and will work there after

graduation. Stephen is excited to be coming home to New York and is looking forward to seeing all his old friends and eating NYC pizza. This fall, **Nick Cain** and **Julian Federle** survived a brief, yet successful, foray in the world of competitive kickball in Chicago. They planned to spend New Year's in a yurt in Colorado with **Ben Smith** and **Ben Schrier '12L**. **Peter Petrarro** graduated from St. John's University School of Law summer cum laude in June and started his career at **Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton**, where he works on derivatives, secured transactions and financial regulatory reform.

Henry Sackler writes, "I recently passed the New York and New Jersey bar exams. Hooray! I work for the general counsel of the North Jersey Media Group, a media company that, among other things, has the 65th-highest circulated newspaper in the United States. I will begin a judicial clerkship in New Jersey in the fall and hope to travel to South America this summer for a brief respite. Any takers? In my spare time I am also working on a screenplay, *The Disappointment's*. These are busy and exciting times."

Matt Wagner is rounding out his fourth year at Target 10, a New York marketing agency that focuses on the gay and lesbian consumer, where he is an account supervisor.

Jonathan McLaughlin is structuring compelling trade ideas in equity derivatives at **Macro Risk Advisors**. He was looking forward to Thanksgiving on Cape Cod and a trip to Costa Rica with his girlfriend for New Year's.

Jeremy Kotin is directing and writing a series of films in conjunction with the Alzheimer's Association NYC Chapter combining interviews, photographs, film and animation to educate the world on Alzheimer's Disease and more specifically the tremendous outreach being conducted day in and day out by the chapter. The project will be ongoing for the next five months, culminating with the NYC gala in early June.

Victoria Baranetsky sent in a quick note from Cambridge: "Twenty-sixth birthday. Dreams of a book or something I thought I would write."

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Here are some exciting updates from our classmates:

Olivia Roszkowski completed the Chef's Training Program at The Natural Gourmet Institute for Health and Culinary Arts. She works at The Mercer Kitchen, a

Jean-Georges restaurant in SoHo. Olivia resides in Brooklyn with her two dogs and is enjoying the novelty that working in a fast-paced kitchen environment brings.

In what has become an annual affair, **Jakob Reich** got two tickets to a Jets game and offered a ticket to **Eric Bondarsky**. This time they tallgated, braved a delay due to a thunderstorm and got soaked in the rain as the Jets pulled out a victory over **Brett Favre** and the Minnesota Vikings in the new Meadowlands Stadium. Like last year, **Jeffrey Feder '07E**, '08E also was at the game, only this time as a season ticket holder, and he was a bit more fortunate with his seat location.

Addi Sriram writes, "I spent a month in Tanzania and Rwanda visiting friends from the Mailman School of Public Health who are volunteering all over Africa. **Hamsa Subramaniam '11** PH and I climbed Mount Kilimanjaro, which was an unprecedented week immersed in nature; it was breathtaking! Together with Mailman '11 students **Hannah Godlove**, **Jordan Hacker**, **Christopher Barry** and **Christopher Beattie**, **Hamsa** and I visited two of Rwanda's pristine national parks, most notably the Volcanoes National Park in the northwest, where we spent an hour amidst Silverback mountain gorillas! We observed and followed them for an hour and had to resist the urge to cuddle the baby gorillas rolling past us, while helping the friendly punches the larger gorillas dealt us stayed friendly. East Africa is a terrific adventure into the wildest and most welcoming nature; I urge everyone to visit."

Alexandra Epstein shares, "I've been working the past two years in my hometown, fabulous Las Vegas! Since coming on board to help run the family business (El Cortez Hotel & Casino), I've overseen the remodel and opening of the Cabana Suites, a boutique hotel downtown, as well as Emergency Arts, a creative collective of 30-plus studio and retail spaces. Work aside, I am active on the board of The Neon Museum and have recently been appointed to the City of Las Vegas Arts Commission. If any of you come to town, I would love to show you around!"

Thank you all, as always, for submissions. Have a great winter.

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Hello CC '08! I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season filled with friends, family and high-calorie consumption. I wish you all the best for 2011 and look forward to reading and writing about that

you get up to.

In August, **Andrew Ness** "decided it was time for a change, and so I submitted my resignation to the law firm where I had been a paralegal for two years." Andrew moved to Washington, D.C., and now works at The Avascent Group, a medium-sized consulting firm that primarily serves the defense industry. This is "pretty much 13-year-old Andrew's dream job. I have a great boss and everyone at the firm is highly intelligent and motivated. So suffice to say, I am very happy at my new gig," says Andrew.

Katherine Cronin returned from an incredible 26 months of Peace Corps service in Benin, West Africa, at the end of August. "My primary project was being a Teaching English as a Foreign Language volunteer. I taught the equivalent of sixth-eighth grade English at a rural middle school. Also built a new school building, ran two girls' empowerment camps, ran an adult English language program, ran educational movie nights, led women's sexual health seminars and ran a bunch of other gender and development equality projects. It was a busy time, loved every minute! Now all I need to do is save some cash, go to grad school and move back to West Africa." Katherine now is a management analyst at the National Science Foundation and lives in Washington, D.C.

Laura Bruns is studying for an M.Sc. in African studies at Oxford.

As of September 6, **Kara Worsley** and **Darius Dehnad '08E** are engaged!

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Gary Mesko recently proposed to Feryal Hirji '09 Barnard while they were vacationing in London with Feryal's family. Gary braved the storm, grabbed the microphone and dropped to one knee in front of 100 of Feryal's family members at her mother's 50th birthday party. The happy couple will be wed in an amazing destination wedding in Zanzibar next summer. **Ralph DeBernardo**, **Gene Kaskiw** and the Class of 2009 wish the happy couple a happy and healthy future together!

Jenny Lam is the head curator of 4Art Inc Gallery in Chicago, where she not-so-secretly prefers thin crust pizza over deep dish. In September and October, she was a curator for a national group exhibition, *Somnambulist*, that showcased the work of emerging and established artists whose roots ranged from Pakistan to

Argentina to Colombia to Germany. The show displayed art across all media and took place in the 14,000-sq.-ft. exhibition space of the internationally renowned Zhou B Art Center. The free wine reminded her of Postscript while the whole event reminded her of Collusion, except without the hot pink caution tape guerrilla-marketing and without inebriated classmates stumbling into a Brooklyn warehouse. Jenny also recently traveled to Hong Kong to visit **Anabell Martínez**, who is teaching English to kindergarteners.

Donna D. Desilus is excited about being back at the College, where she has taken on the role of associate director of the Young Alumni Fund in the Alumni Office. She is excited to be back in New York, the city that won her heart.

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Hi everyone. It's great to hear all of the exciting things that you have been up to since graduation.

Since her premature graduation, **Boin Cheong '09** has been studying law at the University of Cambridge in England. Despite the constant rain and the tasteless food, she is slowly beginning to feel at home there. With a few months left before she receives her law degree, Boin has signed a contract with Mayer Brown in London and is looking forward to qualifying as a corporate lawyer in England.

Natalie Gossett is having a blast at Villanova Law. She hopes to make the King's Crown Shakespeare Troupe proud by going into entertainment law. Natalie repped her Jersey Shore roots by dressing as Snooki on Halloween.

Chris Yim writes, "Greetings from Seoul, South Korea. I am an English instructor at an after-school English academy. This city is quite different from New York, but I am adjusting well to the people, the food and the culture. There are quite a few individuals from the Class of 2010 with whom I've connected while abroad. I was stateside in December and will transition into another job and life back in the States soon enough. I hope that everyone is well. And I really do miss college."

Michael Mark writes, "Following graduation, I took a career change (from the pre-med route) and entered the OFA Dance Program at Harvard. I'm enrolled in intermediate/advanced contemporary dance, beginning modern and theatre dance. Work days are long and strenuous, but so far so good. I'm working toward my first dance solo."

Louis Miller writes, "Homecom-

ing was a blast from the past, but sitting in the stands is a lot different from running around on the field. As important as being an athlete was to me in college, now I am content to be just a fan. I like the post-grad challenge of dominating work. I love being in an environment where constant learning, adaptation and innovation are necessary to stay afloat. And now that I am free from athletics, I can actually turn my neck to look around and see what else is out there. I am an equity sales analyst at Morgan Stanley Smith Barney. The challenges of beating benchmarks and winning in zero sum games have always appealed to me. Weekends spent downtown are a little more fun than the ones I had in Morningside Heights, but I miss Heights burritos, Senior Night and long nights at Butler. Five-thirty a.m. is different from the 8:50 a.m. run to Lit Hum, and I like it."

Zach Gomes has been teaching in a Teaching English as a Foreign Language program as a volunteer to primary school students in Thailand's Isan region, which is in the northeast near the border with Laos. He will teach there for the next year.

Sandra Cariglio is enjoying her new Greenwich Village apartment with Julia Feldberg and Charlotte Furet '10 Barnard. Since August, Sandra has been doing strategy consulting for international companies at RedD Associates, a Danish innovation firm. So far, she has traveled to Denmark, France and Morocco on assignments and anticipates more travel adventures in the near future.

Elizabeth Simins launched a web design business, Heart Monster Designs, specializing in unique and artsy layouts. Find her at heartmonsterdesigns.com. She promises to give CC alumni a discount!

Adam Valen Levinson writes that he is "a traitor to the uptown cause, working for NYU's new Abu Dhabi campus in its inaugural year as a jack-of-all-trades" program coordinator. He survives on a combination of exquisitely cheap Indian food, blogging (visit ingulfed.com) and travel to places off the beaten path. Outside of work, he plays trumpet for the UAE Philharmonic Orchestra and also plays for NYU's beach soccer and volleyball teams."

Mark Hussa is saving a vast amount of polar bears by working at a start-up that mitigates climate change by developing solutions for firms and individuals to live carbon-neutral. He encourages the Columbia community to support global clean energy projects through a new line of innovative carbon-offsetting products featured at belgrvestruff.com.

And, last but not least, **Gabriella Ripoll** is at NYU Law, trying to make her way through her first year.

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other's hands and coached each other to get it just right. They were natural — it was in them. I filmed the performance, the first of many talent showcases to come.

Slumdog

Given the success of the Academy Award-winning movie, *Dharavi* was naturally my first foray into the vast slum life of this grand city. Even though I already had been working with slum kids at the Akanksha centers, I thought it was important to explore their lives in the slum itself, to see firsthand where they came from and to understand their worlds. The *Dharavi* slum is the largest slum in Asia, and with more than a million people clustered in one square mile, it is the only slum that you can see from the moon.

Many of the young girls and boys seemed dressed as if prepared for their roles on the red carpet, with the girls in glittery costume jewelry and the boys in plastic sunglasses and makeshift muscle T-shirts. These children grew up on Bollywood, and while originally I had explored the positive impacts that the music and cinema had on their lives, a social worker offered me a different point of view. While movies the world over often glorify the villain and depict the relentless romantic chase, their impact on slum children here seems more potent, as Bollywood is one of the few things the children are exposed to outside of the slum. In a way, it constitutes their only world outside of the community. It was told that once when the movie halls were shut down in a particular slum, the crime rate went up drastically as the people lost one of their only forms of entertainment.

Within Mumbai, there exists an alliance of people who work together to get by. They hold their families close and their loyalties closer, for what they don't have in wealth, they make up in spirit, and it's not possessions but pride that makes them heroes.

To view videos of *Wadnava's* time in India, go to college.columbia.edu/cct.

To read more in-depth entries and view videos, photos and recordings, visit <http://fulbright.mtvu.com/2009-grantees>.

Tina Wadhwa '07 graduated with a degree in political science and economics. She worked in investment banking at Citigroup in New York for two years before going to India on a Fulbright-MTV Fellowship. She is pursuing a master's at the London School of Economics.



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A Ticket to a Better World

BY TINA WADHWA '07

The Bollywood music and film industry is among the largest in the world, producing approximately 1,000 films per year for an audience of more than three billion, with influence extending across continents and cultures. Bollywood movies depict sensational scenes of opulence and grandeur, often set in exotic locales featuring gorgeous mansions and even more gorgeous girls. In stark contrast to this affluence is the 60 percent of Mumbai's 17 million people who live in the slums and the 50 percent literacy rate that plagues the poorest of the nation. A great paradox exists between the life of extreme poverty among the majority of Indian people and their simultaneous mass consumption of an imagined opulence as illiterate children rush to theaters regularly, sometimes daily, to experience Bollywood songs. For roughly 20 cents, children with nothing have something to cheer for, as they can dream of a better life for just a moment or the duration of a movie.

I traveled to India for a Fulbright-MTV Fellowship and was there from August 2009 to July 2010. The fellowship is awarded annually to four students in the United States to promote "the power of music" as a force for social change. We were to conduct research abroad for one year on projects of our own design, around an aspect of international musical culture. While I was in Mumbai, the other fellows worked in Malawi, Morocco and Brazil. I researched and filmed a documentary on music as a reflection of the vast socioeconomic class divide in India and the implications of the emerging music scene on Indian class structure. I also explored the impact and influence of Bollywood music on underprivileged youth in Mumbai. I worked with kids from the Dharavi and Worli slums and from The Akanksha Foundation and arranged dance and music workshops with them with renowned Bollywood choreographers and performers. My project culminated in a Bollywood performance and talent showcase by the youth that I organized for their families and the Indian community. MTV hosted a website about my project (fulbright.mtvu.com/author/tinawadhwa) that I updated throughout the year, chronicling both my experiences as a Fulbright scholar and the journey of the children working together to fulfill their Bollywood dreams.

Following are some excerpts from the website about this incredible journey.

India Is a Melody

You just can't escape it. It's in the streets, in the stores, in the taxis, in the soul of the people who call India their home. Music pervades every inch of this nation, from the pavement to the palaces, and for many, it's the lifeblood that propels them toward another day. I arrived in Mumbai just in time for the Ganpati Celebrations, where the rich, poor, old and young gather in pursuit of religion, art, music and dance. The city is a noisy and anarchic disco-



Wadhwa wearing a traditional Indian wedding dress.

PHOTO: VEEN WADHWA

theque, and I can barely cross the street without seeing an impromptu gala displaying every color of the rainbow.

I have come to learn that there are no rules, regulations or accountability in Mumbai. Traffic lanes and lights don't exist and driving is a game of chicken. But in the midst of chaos, there is a composed structure that the people have grown to live by and love, and I honestly don't think they would have it any other way. Bombay is a city with swanky shopping malls and posh hotels, where the men are wealthy real estate tycoons and the women Miss World. It is also a place with gut-wrenching poverty that disorients you every day. While there is certainly a bubble of bungalows and BMWs, the brilliance of Bombay lies in its dynamic nature, and it's the everyday people and their stories that give the city its life. Mumbai is a place that gets under your skin and into your blood, and while it is frustrating and heartbreaking and everything is a negotiation, there is a beauty in its breakdown, and I can't help but be moved every day by the poverty, magnificence, resilience and music of this city.

I Like the Way You Move

Although Mumbai represents entropy at its best, I was surprised by the level of organization and structure at The Akanksha Foundation, the main youth foundation I worked with during my time in India. Akanksha members pull these children directly out of the slums and into their centers, and they teach these children how to dream. They help the kids escape their harsh lives in the slums, even for just a few hours a day or a week, to let them be children again.

Akanksha periodically has assessment days where the children are tested on their progress through oral and written exams. I sat in on multiple assessments where the children were asked about current events and about what they had read or seen recently in the news. What was going on in their Mumbai? Interestingly, the first thing the children spoke of was music. They knew the latest Bollywood release, they spoke of the newest heroes, they quoted lyrics from their favorite songs.

While in Mumbai, I met many renowned Bollywood choreographers and performers. One choreographer was an assistant to the famous performer Sarooj Khan and had worked on the dance routines of many blockbuster movies including *Love Aaj Kal* and *Wanted*. Together, we taught the children a dance to a hit Bollywood song, "I Like the Way You Move," and he urged them to dance "dil se" — from their hearts. The kids arrived at the Akanksha center early those days, and they couldn't stop themselves from dancing even during breaks. They helped each other learn the steps, held each

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Tina Wadhwa '07 poses next to a statue in front of a temple in Rajasthan.

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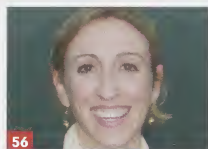
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Letters to the Editor

Thank You, Mr. Kluge

I remember John Kluge '37 not as a beneficiary of a scholarship but as the recipient of an act of kindness that changed my life. I met Mr. Kluge at a function at Columbia in fall 1958. When he heard of my interest in WKCR he offered an invitation to visit "my" radio station, WNEW, and to tell them that John Kluge sent me. When a group of WKCR people arrived and told the receptionist that John Kluge sent us, the general manager of the No. 1 station in New York personally conducted the tour.

A thank-you note I wrote to the general manager resulted in the offer of a job writing traffic reports on weekends. I held that job and summer jobs covering vacations in the news and production departments until my third year of medical school, when I no longer had time to do it. It also led to the media portion of my medical career, which included a stint as medical reporter for Channel 9 news in Los Angeles and as on-air medical editor and anchor on *Physicians' Journal Update* on Lifetime Medical Television.

When I left WNEW I was able to pass along the job to a succession of Columbia students, some of whom parlayed that job into outstanding media and broadcasting careers as they continued the tradition of passing the job on to a successor WKCR member.

I wish I could have told Mr. Kluge how many Columbia students benefited from his kind act. Thank you, Mr. Kluge.

Dr. Arthur L. Wisot '61

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How Sweet the Sound

My wife and I attended the sold-out annual Barnard-Columbia Candlelight Concert at the Union Theological Seminary chapel on December 11. I am a College graduate and my wife is a Barnard graduate. The performance far exceeded our expectations; it was truly magnificent. It led off with my favorite carol, *Veni Emmanuel*, followed by a Mozart solemn vesper and a Beethoven mass, and concluded with an organ performance by masterful conductor Gail Archer. To the best of my knowledge of the classical music canon, these works are relatively obscure and rarely presented. How adventurous of Ms. Archer to dust off these neglected



treasures and give them life.

It was uplifting to see these vibrant young people perform with such dignity, grace and skill. It is inspiring to see that the classical music repertoire is being embraced by new generations and that that embrace can include liturgical works not often heard. I am grateful that political correctness did not limit the repertoire to the likes of *Jingle Bells* and that the University supports such a muscular music program.

I did not grow up in a classical music household but was fortunately introduced to classical music when I worked for a summer for the then-president of Barnard, Millicent McIntosh. The family was very much enamored of classical music. It immediately resonated with me and continues to do so. Exposure to classical music and appreciation of it are not gifts given to everybody. I have the University to thank for bringing me to a long arch of musical enjoyment, yesteryear and today.

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WITHIN THE FAMILY

A Bridge of a Building

President Lee C. Bollinger has called it “a bridge — both across areas of scientific knowledge and from our history to our future at Columbia.” He thus has set a lofty agenda for the new Northwest Corner Building, the interdisciplinary science center that rises 14 stories above Broadway and West 120th Street.

By the way, don’t be confused by the fact that the Northwest Corner Building is on the southeast corner of the intersection. It’s name is geographically correct because it sits at the northwest corner of the rectangle that forms the core of the Morningside Heights campus: Broadway to the west, 120th Street to the north, Amsterdam Avenue to the east and 114th Street to the south.

For years, the site had been an eyesore. There was an emergency exit from Levien Gym on West 120th Street, a nondescript wall along Broadway and a forlorn patch of grass with a couple of trees near the corner that was gated off from the public, barring direct access to the campus. If you stood on that corner, you had to go down Broadway to the Earl Hall gates or along West 120th Street to the Schapiro Center if you wanted to get onto campus.

Now, all that has changed. The site now belongs to the Northwest Corner Building, which had its formal opening in December. Faculty have moved in and classes are being held there this semester. And activity in the building has been increasing by the day.

There’s a modern glass entrance at the corner, a marble-clad lobby and stairs to a mezzanine café that overlooks the street through floor-to-ceiling windows and is the home of the newest branch of Joe, a six-store chain of New York coffee houses. Sandwiches and other light fare are sold along with beverages, and there are chairs and tables that invite patrons to linger and observe the street scene below. More and more

are accepting that invitation each week.

From there, an escalator leads up to a spacious campus-level lobby, 35 feet above the street and opening onto Pupin Plaza. All these spaces are open to the public and send a far friendlier message of access than the walls and gates that had been there. This is reinforced by a broad staircase to the east of the building that allows direct access from West 120th Street to Pupin Plaza, allowing people in a hurry to bypass the new building entirely.



The Northwest Corner Building offers access to campus from Broadway and West 120th Street.

PHOTO: EILEEN BARROSO

In a glowing appraisal that appeared in the February 9 issue of *The New York Times*, architecture critic Nicolai Ouroussoff called the building’s entrance “a means of reinforcing the university’s public mission. By easing you through the transition from one level to the other in just three quick turns along the stair, [architect José Rafael] Moneo has fused two disparate worlds — the campus and the street outside — and created places of intense social communion.” He goes on to call the new building “a work of healing. Seen in the context of Columbia’s often tense relationship with its Harlem neighbors, including recent battles over its plans to build a new 17-acre campus in West Harlem, the building is a gleaming physical expression of the university’s desire to bridge the divide between the insular world of the campus and the community beyond its walls.”

The building also is the closest point

on the core rectangle to what will become the Manhattanville campus, hence Bollinger’s “bridge from our history to our future.” Just as the Northwest Corner Building was opening, excavation and construction in Manhattanville was heating up. In a few years, there will be a steady stream of people making the 5–10 minute walk from this new interdisciplinary science center to facilities such as the Jerome L. Greene Science Center in Manhattanville.

Ouroussoff raves about the design of the Northwest Corner Building. “Its muscular steel-and-aluminum frame is a vivid example of how to fit into a difficult historical context without slavishly kowtowing to it,” he writes. “The building’s base, which is made of the same rose-colored granite as the buildings that flank it, is conceived as an extension of the existing street wall... The upper floors are clad in what may be the most elegant aluminum siding in America: a taut steel grid filled in with an irregular pattern of diagonal steel braces and aluminum louvers.”

To me, “most elegant aluminum siding in America” is a backhanded compliment. I’m not a fan of these metal walls on Broadway and West 120th Street, which a friend describes as a giant cheese-grater, and much prefer the clean glass sheet that faces the campus (much the way the glass wall of Alfred Lerner Hall faces campus).

But I’m not the architecture critic of the *Times*, who concludes by writing, “In short, this is a building conceived in opposition to our contemporary culture, with its constant visual noise and unforgiving pace. Mr. Moneo aims to lift us, if only momentarily, out of our increasingly frenetic lives — to slow us down and force us to look at the world around us, and at one another, more closely. It’s a big, tough building, but it’s tenderhearted too.”

Alex Scharf

AROUND THE QUADS

Northwest Corner Building Opens

BY ALEX SACHARE '71

More than a century after Columbia moved from midtown to Morningside Heights, the last piece of the campus' core rectangle has been completed with the opening of the Northwest Corner interdisciplinary science building at West 120th Street and Broadway.

The 188,000-square-foot structure, which officially opened in December and is being used for classes this semester, houses classrooms and laboratories for faculty and students in biology, chemistry, physics and engineering as well as a science library, lecture hall and café. Built above Levien Gym and supported by a 129-foot-long, three-dimensional truss, the 14-story facility accommodates seven double-height lab floors designed to mitigate vibration and allow for flexible layouts as scientific research priorities evolve.

The building was designed by Pritzker Prize-winning architect José Rafael Moneo in collaboration with the architects at Madrid's Moneo Brock Studio and New York's Davis Brody Bond Aedas.

Elevated, enclosed bridges to Pupin Hall and Chandler Hall were designed to encourage interaction among faculty and students from the University's science and engineering departments. The facility also includes a 164-seat lecture hall and a two-story integrated science library. Interior lobbies flow from the sidewalk level at West 120th Street and Broadway to a publicly accessible, 1,400-square-foot café above, and are connected to the campus-level lobby, adding a public portal to the campus. An exterior stairway connects the sidewalk at West 120th Street to Pupin Plaza, permitting direct access to campus.

"The connections to the neighboring buildings guarantee activity and life, reinforcing the interdisciplinary program needed in state-of-the-art research," Moneo said about his first building in New York



The Northwest Corner Building includes classrooms, laboratories (right), a science library and a café and provides access to Pupin Plaza from Broadway and West 120th Street.

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City. "It has been very exciting to create a building in New York that uses this unique site to draw people together in new ways while respecting Columbia's great campus architecture."

President Lee C. Bollinger said, "What Rafael Moneo has created here is literally a bridge — both across areas of scientific knowledge and from our history to our future at Columbia. As the final addition to the original perimeter of our Morningside Heights campus, this building completes one of the greatest academic settings in the world and also performs an important task of opening up a new, transparent pathway between



campus and community on a street corner where there had long been only a blank wall."

When fully occupied, the Northwest Corner Building will provide research, teaching and study space for a community of faculty members and students working in 21 labs.

Rose, Jones Join College Senior Staff

Laura Rose and Sherri Jones have joined the Columbia College senior staff, effective February 14. Rose was named senior executive director for development and Jones was named senior executive director for alumni relations and communications.

Rose came to the College from the University of Chicago, where she was the senior director for its Global Regional Offices, including the New York office, which represents the undergraduate college, four graduate divisions and various other schools and units. A Wellesley alumna, Rose worked closely with academic and alumni leadership at Chicago on major gift and annual fund solicitations.

Jones, who has spent more than 20 years in alumni affairs, most recently was director of alumni affairs at Lafayette College. Her background includes successes in alumni relations, volunteer management and strategic planning, including work at her alma mater, Cornell.



Laura Rose
PHOTO: DAN DRY



Sherri Jones
PHOTO: RANDY MONCEAUX

Both will report directly to Dean Michele Moody-Adams. In announcing their appointments, Moody-Adams said, "Laura and Sherri will be spearheading the College's development and alumni outreach efforts, working in tandem on volunteer management, fundraising and alumni relations and communication strategies. Their wealth of experience and expertise will help us move the College to

new levels, both in the areas of alumni engagement and financial support for Columbia College priorities."

In another transition, Susan Birnbaum has stepped away from day-to-day leadership of the Columbia College Fund and dean's special initiatives. As part of this new role, Birnbaum, who has overseen the fund's growth during the past nine years, will continue to work with the Dean's Alumnae Task Force and help plan a broader and more robust fundraising program for College parents.

"We are all aware of the consistent growth of the College Fund and of its importance to the College," said Moody-Adams. "Susan's hand in guiding it upward in creative and energetic ways is especially apparent in the breadth and depth of volunteer engagement and a well-organized, professional staff."

Alex Sachare '71

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Columbia College and the Columbia College Alumni Association are proud to sponsor Dean's Day 2011. Scheduled for Saturday, June 4, the program provides the opportunity for alumni and parents to participate in thought-provoking lectures and discussions with some of Columbia's finest faculty.

Dean's Day 2011 is particularly noteworthy, as we are proud to announce that the Public Intellectual Lectures will be delivered by Michele Moody-Adams, dean, Columbia College and vice president for undergraduate education; Fenioksy Peña-Mora, dean, The Fu Foundation School of Engineering and Applied Science; Nicholas Dirks, executive vice president for Arts and Sciences and dean of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences; and Peter Awn, dean of the School of General Studies.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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| 8:00 a.m. | Registration Opens — Alfred Lerner Hall |
| 8:30–10:15 a.m. | Dean's Continental Breakfast
with Opening Address by Michele Moody-Adams, dean, Columbia College |
| 9:30 a.m. | Camp Columbia for Kids |
| 10:30–11:45 a.m. | Public Intellectual Lectures |
| Noon–1:30 p.m. | Lunch |
| 2:00–3:30 p.m. | Core Curriculum Lectures |
| 3:30–5:00 p.m. | Affinity Receptions, including Columbia Daily Spectator, Varsity Athletics and a special performance by the Columbia Alumni Singers |



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Creed To Address Class of 2011 at Class Day

Alexandra Wallace Creed '88, senior v.p. of NBC News, will address the Class of 2011 at Class Day, Monday, May 16, on South Lawn. Creed is only the second female Class Day speaker; Claire Shipman '86 spoke in 1999.

Creed was named senior v.p. in December 2008. In what is an expanded version of the role that she held from January 2006–March 2007, when she was executive producer of *NBC Nightly News* with Brian Williams, her responsibilities include overseeing *Nightly News*, news production, staffing and, in partnership with V.P. David Verdi, newsgathering. She is chief deputy within the news division for Steve Capus, president of NBC News.

In March 2007, Creed became executive producer of *Nightly News*, making her the first woman to lead a weeknight network evening newscast in a decade and one of only a small group of women who have served in the top post of a Big Three daily newscast. She was first named v.p. of NBC News in January 2006. Prior to that, she was executive producer of *Weekend Today* and senior producer of *Today* beginning in March 2005.

Creed came to NBC News from CBS News, where she was a senior broadcast

producer for *The Early Show* starting in May 2000. Before that, she was a senior producer for both *The Early Show* and *CBS This Morning*, a producer for *CBS Evening News* with Dan Rather and an associate producer for *CBS This Morning*, *48 Hours* and the CBS foreign desk. Creed began her network career at the CBS News London bureau.

Creed has been honored with 11 News and Documentary Emmy Awards as well as a Gracie Award and a Peabody. She was presented a John Jay Award for distinguished professional achievement in 2008 from the College, where she earned a B.A. in English literature. She is a member of the College's Board of Visitors, is on the Council on Foreign Relations and is a member of the Board of Visitors of the National Cathedral School in Washington, D.C.

CCT featured Creed on the cover of the November/December 2007 issue (college.columbia.edu/cct_archive/nov_dec07).

Class of 2011 President Sean Manning Udell '11 noted in an e-mail to the College



Alexandra Wallace Creed '88

that "we were particularly impressed that... Ms. [Creed] is also the mother of young children and an extraordinarily active alumna who hosts several Columbia College events every year and serves on the Columbia College Board of Visitors."

Alumni from all classes have a chance to participate in Class Day by marching in the Alumni Parade of Classes, carrying their class year banners in the procession that also includes

graduating students, faculty and administrators. The parade underscores the transition the graduates will be making from students to alumni, while emphasizing that their Columbia connection is lifelong.

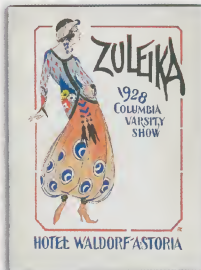
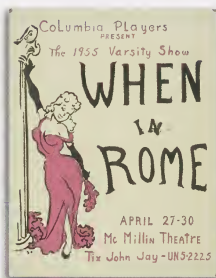
Alumni marching in the parade are invited to a champagne breakfast in John Jay Dining Hall that begins at 8:30 a.m. The parade is scheduled to begin at 9:45 a.m. Alumni interested in participating should contact Nick Mider, events coordinator, College events and programs: nm2613@columbia.edu or 212-851-7846.

Lisa Palladino and Atti Viragh '12 GS

Web Exhibit Celebrates *The Varsity Show*

The Columbia University Archives has created an online exhibit celebrating the history of *The Varsity Show*. The site (columbia.edu/cgi-bin/cul/resolve?dlo8225262) is an expansion of a physical exhibit — *The Varsity Show: A Columbia Tradition* — that was mounted by the University Archives in 2004 in honor of *The Varsity Show*'s 110th anniversary and includes images of programs, posters, photographs and other printed matter that help relate the history and highlights of what is recognized as Columbia's oldest performing arts tradition.

The student-run comedy, which premiered in 1894 as a show to benefit the Columbia College Athletic Union, has left its mark on the Columbia community and has included a number of alumni who went on to success in the entertainment industry. For example, *Roar*,



Lion, Roar originated in the 1923 show, *Half Moon Inn*, and famous *Varsity Show* alumni include Oscar Hammerstein II '16, Lorenz Hart '18, Richard Rodgers '23, Herman Wouk '34 and I.A.L. Diamond

'41, who wrote four consecutive shows.

The 117th *Varsity Show* will take place in April. Tickets will be available at thevarsityshow.com.

Atti Viragh '12 GS

ROAR, LION, ROAR

■ **1,000 POINTS:** Noruwa Agho '12 surpassed the 1,000-point mark in career scoring in a 66-45 win over Dartmouth on January 29, becoming the 24th men's basketball player in school history to reach that milestone. Through games of February 12, Agho had 1,061 career points to rank 17th on Columbia's all-time scoring list. The last Columbia junior to reach the 1,000-point mark was Craig Austin '02 in 2001, and the last Lion to notch 1,000 career points was John Baumann '08.

■ **RECORDS:** Several school records were set early in the indoor track and field season.

In the Penn State Invitational on January 29, QueenDenise Okeke '13 set a record of 12.43 meters in the women's long jump. Justin Holloman '12 set a record of 22.12 seconds in the men's 200-meter dash and Sharay Hale '12 set a record of 24.15 seconds in the women's 200-meter dash.

The following weekend, at the New Balance Invitational, Jeff Moriarty '11 won the 1,000-meter run in a school-record 2:20.77, which was the second-fastest time in the

country this year and the second-fastest time ever by an Ivy League runner. In the same race, Byron Jones '14E finished in 2:25.95, the fastest time by a first-year athlete in the country. Also, Jason Marks '12E tied the school record of 4.75 meters in the pole vault.

■ **FOOTBALL:** Columbia will play six of its 10 football games this fall at Robert K. Kraft Field at Lawrence A. Wien Stadium, including the Lions' first meetings with Albany and Sacred Heart and a Homecoming game against Penn on October 15.

Following is the complete 2011 Columbia football schedule (home games in capitals; all are Saturdays and start at 12:30 p.m.):

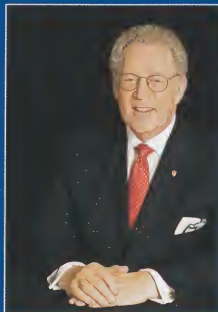
Sept. 17	at Fordham
Sept. 24	ALBANY
Oct. 1	at Princeton
Oct. 8	SACRED HEART
Oct. 15	PENN (Homecoming)
Oct. 22	at Dartmouth
Oct. 29	YALE
Nov. 5	HARVARD
Nov. 12	at Cornell
Nov. 19	BROWN



Students Meet Donors at Dean's Scholarship Reception

Scholarship donors met many of the students who benefit from their generosity at the annual Dean's Scholarship Reception on February 3 in Roone Arledge Auditorium in Alfred Lerner Hall. Approximately 500 people attended the festive event, which gives students and donors a chance to meet face-to-face, often for the first time, and perhaps establish lasting connections. Speakers included (from right) Dean Michele Moody-Adams, who also met with many students and donors personally; Bradley Collins '11, recipient of the Ida Rosenberg Scholarship Fund; and Peter Hatch '92 and Hilary Hatch '92, who endowed the Peter and Hilary Hatch Scholarship Fund.

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THE 1754 SOCIETY

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Mollie Andreae '11 Gains Health Care Experience by Volunteering

By NATHALIE ALONSO '08

Mollie Andreae '11 has suffered 13 broken bones throughout her life while playing tennis, basketball and lacrosse and practicing gymnastics. These injuries, and their treatment, have kindled her passion for the health care field, which she has cultivated through extensive volunteer work at home and abroad.

In January, Andreae made her third weeklong trip to Honduras as a member of Global Brigades (globalbrigades.org), a student-led organization that promotes global health and sustainable development. The Columbia chapter, which comprises medical, public health, dental, business and water brigades, has approximately 50 undergraduate members from the College, Engineering and Barnard, and more who help fundraise through Facebook and empowered.org.

As president of the Columbia chapter's public health brigade for the 2010-11 academic year, Andreae oversaw the logistics of her brigade's trip, which took her and five other students to a community located an hour outside the capital city of Tegucigalpa. The community is run by a local nonprofit, Sociedad Amigos de los Niños (Friends of the Children Society). The Columbia brigade teamed up with volunteers from UC Berkeley to form a group of about 20 public health volunteers, all of whom stayed at a boarding school that was out of session.

As she did during her previous trip in January 2010, Andreae helped construct water storage units, concrete floors, latrines and stoves for local families. She also led games and lessons designed to educate children about the importance of hygiene.

"It's a really fun experience," says Andreae. "It helps me practice my Spanish a little bit. The kids make fun of our Spanish, but we have fun with them."



Mollie Andreae '11 holds a newborn boy she helped deliver during her summer in South Africa.
PHOTO: LYNDSEY FOUSHEE

Honduras is among the poorest countries in the Western hemisphere. Andreae first traveled there in January 2009 with the Columbia Medical Brigade. On that occasion, she staffed a health clinic that saw approximately 400 patients a day.

Andreae switched brigades after taking "Social History of American Public Health" with David Rosner, the Ronald H. Lauterstein Professor of Sociomedical Sciences and professor of history. The course focused heavily on the history of sanitation. "It was a completely different way of looking at health issues," says Andreae.

Andreae has since sought exposure to varying approaches to health care. Last summer, she volunteered at the Eerste River Hospital in South Africa through the NGO Child Family Health International (cfhi.org). She spent time in all the departments and in mobile clinics in remote communities. She also assisted midwives in delivering babies and became heavily involved with the hospital's Kangaroo Mother Care program, which promotes skin-to-skin contact between premature infants and their mothers in order to help the babies develop.

Andreae provided the mothers with much-needed respite by "kangarooing" the newborns while they took breaks.

Dr. Paulus Steyn, head of the pediatrics department at the hospital, was impressed with the quality of Andreae's interaction with the mothers.

"Mollie was quick with a joke and managed to ease some of the inevitable tension that arises when 12-14 uncertain and tired new mothers stay confined in such space for weeks," he says. "One can see without much effort that Mollie is devoid of prejudice. She harbors an age-old kind of love for the patients in her charge. She is practically minded and would make a great surgeon."

Andreae was impressed by the way doctors at the hospital make do without the latest technological advances.

"They are forced to be better doctors because they don't have all these machines to rely on," says Andreae. "They have the ability to diagnose people by just using their hands."

During her stay in South Africa, Andreae lived with an empty-nest couple near the townships where many of the hospital's patients reside.

"I wouldn't have had it any other way," she says. "We didn't have heat in the houses where we were staying. I was always freezing, but I had a roof over my head that didn't leak. You were grateful for what you had because you could tell [that the patients] didn't have anything."

Andreae, who is from Alexandria, Va., spent the summer before her junior year shadowing doctors and observing surgical procedures at the Children's National Medical Center in Washington, D.C. From October 2008-October 2009, she spent many a Friday night — roughly five hours a week — volunteering at St. Luke's Hospital in Morningside Heights, where she triaged patients in the Pe-

diatric Emergency Department and assisted doctors in the Ambulatory Surgery Unit.

In addition to those who tended her sports injuries, Andreae also attributes her interest in medicine in part to the orthopedist who treated her when she fell from a tire swing as a kindergartener and broke her wrist. "The hand specialist who worked with me was amazing," she recalls. "She showed me the X-ray and the break. It was very interesting to me because I loved seeing what was wrong. I've remembered that."

Andreae, a defender on Columbia's lacrosse team, has been named to the Intercollegiate Women's Lacrosse Coaches Association Academic Squad each of her four years. Her former teammates played an important role in her decision to attend the College.

"I talked to some players on the team when I came on a visit. A lot of them had done cool stuff in the city, whether it was volunteering or interning," says Andreae, who majors in psychology. "That was something I was interested in and wanted to take advantage of."

At press time, Andreae had applied to several post-baccalaureate programs in order to complete requirements for medical school and was awaiting responses.

"Almost all my volunteer experience has been dealing with kids. They're such amazing patients," she says. "Adults can be very whiny, but you'd be surprised how little kids complain. They have a high pain tolerance and heal so quickly. I see myself as a pediatric specialist when I'm older."

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IN MEMORIAM

■ **BELL:** Daniel Bell '60 GSAS, one of the greatest post-WWII academics and a Columbia professor from 1959–69, died on January 25, 2011, in Cambridge, Mass. He was 91.

A prolific writer, Bell authored two of the 20th century's most influential books on social science, *The Cultural Contradictions of Capitalism* (1978) and *The End of Ideology: On the Exhaustion of Political Ideas in the Fifties* (1960), which was published while he was teaching at Columbia. In much of his work, Bell, who earned a Ph.D. in sociology from GSAS, predicted trends and outcomes that would come to fruition decades later. *The End of Ideology* addresses the fall of communism, and he also wrote about the shift to a service-based economy and the creation of "a national information-computer-utility system, with tens of thousands of terminals in homes and offices 'hooked' into giant central computers providing library and information services, retail ordering and billing services, and the like."

Bell also was an influential editor of periodicals, starting with *The New Leader*, a small social democratic publication that he referred to as his "intellectual home." He joined *Fortune* magazine as its labor editor and in 1965 helped found and edit *The Public Interest* with City College classmate Irving Kristol, who died in 2009.

Bell left Columbia in 1969 for Harvard, where he became the Henry Ford II Professor of Social Sciences in 1980. He is survived by his daughter, Jordy; son, David; four grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

■ **HABOUSH:** JaHyun Kim Haboush '78 GSAS, the King Sejong Professor of Korean Studies, died on January 30, 2011. She was 69 and lived in New York City.

Haboush, who had a reputation for treating students and junior faculty with the same respect and interest as well-known researchers, earned an M.A. from Michigan and a Ph.D. in East Asian languages and cultures from GSAS. She had taught at Rutgers and Illinois and in 2000 returned to Columbia, where she taught 16th- to 19th-century Korean cultural history in the Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures.

Haboush is survived by her husband, Bill.

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ALUMNI IN THE NEWS

■ **Peter Mendelsund '91**, a book cover designer, was interviewed by *The New Yorker* in December. As associate art director at Knopf, Mendelsund has designed the covers for many well-known books by classic and contemporary authors. He describes his creative techniques and goals in the interview, which also showcases several designs he created for Jo Nesbo's novels *The Snowman* and *The Redeemer*. An avid reader, Mendelsund says his goal is to "tease out the ... authorial impetus" behind the manuscript

after a careful reading of the whole text. *CCT* profiled Mendelsund in 2008. See Alumni Profiles, college.columbia.edu/cct/nov_dec08.

■ **Dr. Arthur "Archie" Roberts '65** was featured in a *New York Times* article in November for his efforts to stem an alarming trend of sudden heart attacks and other cardiac problems in N.F.L. players. A star quarterback at Columbia, Roberts briefly played with the Miami Dolphins before becoming a heart surgeon. He launched a nonprofit, the Living Heart Foundation, in 2001 to fight cardiac problems in professional athletes through regular screenings. Roberts mentioned in the article that several of the athletes he has screened required immediate treatment — including at least two needing coronary bypass surgery. *CCT* profiled Roberts in 2007. See Features, college.columbia.edu/cct_archive/nov_dec07.

■ **George Templeton Strong** (Class of 1838) was profiled in a *New York Times* article in December, "The

Diary of a New York Lawyer." Strong practiced law in New York City, became a Columbia trustee and was involved in philanthropic projects. For 40 years, he wrote in his diaries on a regular basis. They offer a unique, personal account of the Civil War unfolding through the eyes of a northern lawyer who strongly supported the Union. When South Carolina seceded, Strong recognized it as "a grave event, [that] may well bring tremendous calamity upon the country."

■ **Benjamin Lawsky '92, '95L** was appointed chief of staff for New York Governor Andrew M. Cuomo in December. Lawsky served as general counsel on Cuomo's campaign while also fulfilling his duties as deputy counselor and special assistant in the attorney general's office. Prior to joining Cuomo's office, Lawsky was a federal prosecutor and was chief counsel to Senator Charles E. Schumer (D-N.Y.) on the Senate Judiciary Committee.

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Benjamin Lawsky '92, '95L (right) and then-Attorney General Andrew M. Cuomo during testimony in the U.S. House of Representatives.

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CAMPUS NEWS

■ **WEBSITE:** A revised and redesigned version of Columbia.edu, the University's homepage, was launched in January. Designed by the Office of Communications and Public Affairs in partnership with Columbia University Information Technology, it contains several aesthetic, technological and organizational changes including simplified navigation, an enhanced search function and social media tools. To learn more, go to news.columbia.edu/home/2266.

■ **SCIENCE:** Four Columbia professors have been elected fellows of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), a prestigious scientific society established in 1848. They are Wallace S. Broecker, the Newberry Professor of Earth and Environmental Science and a researcher at the Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory; Shi-Fu Chang, professor and former department chair of electrical engineering at Engineering; Peter Schlosser, the Vinton Professor of Earth and Environmental Studies at Engineering and professor of earth and environmental sciences, and as-

sociate director and chair of faculty of the Earth Institute; and Saul J. Silverstein, professor of microbiology and immunology at P&S. They are among 503 inductees who were honored on February 19 at the AAAS annual meeting in Washington, D.C.

■ **GREEN NYC:** Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg announced a new center to promote the development and commercialization of green building technology in New York City at a news conference in Columbia's new Northwest Corner science building on January 20. The NYC Urban Technology Center is a partnership between The Fu Foundation School of Engineering and Applied Science, the Polytechnic Institute of NYU, the city's Economic Development Corp. and CUNY. It will be managed by Engineering's Center for Technology, Innovation and Community Engagement.

■ **CAMPAIGN:** The Columbia Campaign achieved a milestone on February 7, surpassing its original fundraising goal of \$4

billion nearly 11 months ahead of schedule. An expanded goal of \$5 billion recently was announced for the University-wide campaign, along with a new closing date of December 31, 2013.

■ **LEED GOLD:** The Columbia Alumni Center recently received Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Gold Certification, the second-highest certification in the green rating system administered by the United States Green Building Council. LEED recognizes achievements in areas such as water efficiency, energy and indoor environmental quality. The Center, built in 1908 and formerly known as McVickar Hall, was extensively renovated in 2008-09 and boasts a recycled heating system, self-adjusting lighting and occupancy sensors that control energy use. It is the second Columbia building to recently receive the LEED Gold certification, after Faculty House, which was renovated last April. To learn more about the Alumni Center, go to <http://alumni.columbia.edu/alumni-community/columbia-alumni-center>.

Mae Ngai '98 GSAS is the Lung Family Professor of Asian American Studies and professor of history. She is the author of *Impossible Subjects: Illegal Aliens and the Making of Modern America* and *The Lucky Ones: One Family and the Extraordinary Invention of Chinese America*. She also has written about immigration for many major newspapers and magazines. Ngai has been a Guggenheim Fellow and was a union organizer and educator before becoming a historian. She earned her B.A. from SUNY Empire State and M.A. and Ph.D. from Columbia.

Where did you grow up?
I was born in the Bronx. I grew up there and in Teaneck, N.J.

What did you want to be while growing up?
I wanted to be an architect. I was very close with my aunt, who is an architect. I loved to draw houses and make plans. Then I learned you had to know engineering. It wasn't just an aesthetic. You had to know about building and physics, and that kind of ruined it as a career path.

What did you do after college but before graduate school?
I was in high school during the civil rights era and the Vietnam war. I was very concerned about issues of racial inequality and social justice. I thought I

wanted to be a sociologist, but the events of the day made it seem that going to school was a waste of time when getting involved was more urgent. I did community work for a long time. I ended up working for a

labor union in New York City, District 65 of the United Auto Workers (which represents the clerical workers here at Columbia.) I was on the staff of the education and political action department. We were involved in the anti-apartheid movement, protests against racial violence, Jesse Jackson's presidential campaigns and David Dinkins' mayoral campaign. I was on staff during his second campaign.

Why did you decide to go back to school?
I was still interested in many of the same issues, especially those facing immigrant workers. By that time, I realized I was more suited for historical studies.



History is not really about studying the past just to know about the past. It's about understanding historical change and why and when things change. That helps us understand our own time.

Five Minutes with ... Mae Ngai '98 GSAS

How did you come to teach at Columbia?
I got my Ph.D. here and then went to Chicago to teach. Then Columbia invited me back. I was very flattered.

You just published a book, *The Lucky Ones*. Are you taking a break from research?
We don't take breaks. I'm working on a study of Chinese gold miners in the 19th century during the rushes in the period in California, Victoria, Australia, and South Africa. It's a wide-ranging comparative study about how social practices and ideas among Chinese and among Europeans traveled across the greater Pacific world in the late 19th century. The circuit of labor includes not just Chinese but also miners from Cornwall, Belgium, Ireland, France and the United States as well. They all crisscrossed the globe and carried with them experiences and political and racial ideas. I'm interested in how these ideas and practices traveled and interacted in different settings.

What classes are you teaching this spring?

I'm teaching the senior essay seminar that started in the fall, and I'm teaching a graduate course on citizenship and national identity in U.S. history.

What's your favorite food?
Taiwan beef noodle soup.

Where do you live?

On West 116th Street. We also have a house in Maryland that we recently bought (my partner works in Washington, D.C.). It's a contemporary round house.

Do you have children?

I have one son who is a civil rights lawyer in San Francisco. He recently got married.

How do you recharge?

Playing the piano, reading without a pencil and sailing.

What's your favorite spot in New York City?

Biking down Riverside Park from campus to Chambers Street.

What on your resume are you most proud of?

My first book. It won a few prizes.

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Ethan Rouen '04J*

*To watch a video of Ngai discussing the fascinating Tape family, the subjects of *The Lucky Ones*, her most recent book, go to college.columbia.edu/ect.*

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GO FISH

Neil Shubin '82 brings out the fish in all of us

BY NATHALIE ALONSO '08

Paleontologist and evolutionary biologist Neil Shubin '82 delights in recounting how a fortune cookie foreshadowed the journey that resulted in his most important discovery.

Shubin and Ted Daeschler, then his student at Penn, had spent several years on a quest for fossils that would yield new insight into the evolutionary transition from fins to limbs. Their search was limited to the state of Pennsylvania until one morning in 1998, when, in an attempt to settle an unrelated debate, they stumbled across a map that showed where rocks of the type and age they sought were exposed. The region was in the Canadian Arctic and was previously unexplored by paleontologists.

Reveling in the unexpected breakthrough, Shubin and Daeschler decided to make plans over Chinese food. That's when Shubin opened his fortune cookie and was startled by the message it contained.

"It said, 'Soon you will be at the top of the world,'" recalls Shubin, his voice rising before descending into laughter. "Ted looked at me and said, 'We have to go.'"



Whether it was coincidence or fate, the fortune cookie could not have been more accurate. After months of arranging logistics (the region is only accessible by helicopter), Shubin and Daeschler co-led the scientific team that discovered a 375-million-year-old fossil fish called *Tiktaalik roseae*, which is long-desired evidence of the pivotal shift from aquatic to terrestrial life. Unearthed approximately 600 miles from the North Pole (literally the top of the world), *Tiktaalik* is considered a crucial "missing link" in the study of evolution because it has features that liken it to both fish and four-limbed animals.

"If I were to hold one in front of you, what you'd see is like a fish. It has scales on its back and fins with fin webbing. But then you look at it and it has a flat head with eyes on top like an early land-living animal. And it has a neck; no fish has a neck," explains Shubin, the Robert R. Bensley Professor and associate dean for organismal and environmental biology at Chicago and provost at the Field Museum. "It's a real mix of fish and amphibian found at just the right time in the fossil record."

For Shubin, whose expertise and primary interest is in the development and evolution of limbs, the most thrilling revelation took place upon examining the bones found in *Tiktaalik*'s pectoral fins.

"When we open up the fin, it has bones that correspond to our upper arm, forearm, and even parts of our wrist," he says.

Though it is unlikely that *Tiktaalik* was able to walk, its fins allowed it to prop itself up on the ground and do "push-ups." Their function fell in between walking and swimming, making them transitional in their use as well as in their form.

In April 2006, the journal *Nature* formally introduced *Tiktaalik*, which means "large freshwater fish" in Inuktitut, a language spoken by the Inuit people of Canada. In the same week, *Tiktaalik* made the front page of *The New York*





(Above) Paleontologist Neil Shubin '82 with a model of Tiktaalik roseae in the Dinosaur Collection Room at the Field Museum of Natural History, where he serves as provost.

PHOTO: JOHN WEINSTEIN



(Above) The valley in Bird Fiord where the team camped and made its discovery.

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(Right) Shubin (right) and Ted Daeschler in the Canadian Arctic in 2008.

PHOTO: © JASON DOWNS



(Above) The skull of Tiktaalik roseae provides evidence of how life transitioned from water to land.

PHOTO: © TED DAESCHLER



The fossil site where *Tiktaalik roseae* was discovered is in the northernmost part of the Canadian Arctic on Ellesmere Island in Nunavut territory.

GRAPHIC: KALLIPIO MONOYIOS



Tiktaalik roseae is an intermediate between fish that lived in water and animals that evolved to walk on land. Its fin is like that of fish but it was capable of propping the body of the animal up, much like a limb.

ILLUSTRATION: KALLIPIO MONOYIOS

Times and Shubin was named the ABC News Person of the Week as a result of the groundbreaking find.

"One minute you're a fish paleontologist and no one is really all that interested in you," says Shubin with a laugh as he recounts the morning of the announcement when he found himself surrounded by news trucks at Chicago. "Then there were microphones being shoved in my face. It was really weird."

He adds, "It was fun while it lasted, but I'm glad it's not there right now. I'm back to work."

Based on his work in Pennsylvania and existing knowledge about species that preceded and followed *Tiktaalik*, Shubin was able to determine the type and age of rocks in which an intermediate species would be found: 375,000 million-year-old stream bed rocks from the geologic period known as the Devonian. He also had been able to predict with accuracy the physical features of a transitional creature. Shubin substantiated his theory in July 2004 on Ellesmere Island in the Canadian Arctic Archipelago.

After six years of excavating in the region and coming up empty-handed (or, as Shubin point outs, six years after the fortune cookie), he, Daeschler and fellow paleontologist and co-leader Farish Jenkins of Harvard, Shubin's former adviser, were on the verge of quitting when they uncovered the snout of a fish sticking out of the rock. To date, Shubin's team has dug up partial skeletons of 20 *Tiktaalik* individuals that range 4-9 feet in length. He plans to revisit the site every other year with the hope of finding more individuals or other transitional species.

Shubin also has led fossil expeditions to Greenland, China, Argentina, South Africa and Morocco. Under the guidance of Paul Olsen, currently the Arthur D. Storke Memorial Professor of Earth and Environmental Sciences at Columbia, Shubin led his first expedition to Nova Scotia while a graduate student at Harvard, where he earned a Ph.D. in organismic and evolutionary biology in 1987. That expedition yielded one of the first major finds of his career: a fossilized trithelodont, a 200-million-year-old reptile-mammal hybrid that had previously been found only in South Africa. His specimens also have shed light on the origin of mammals, frogs, crocodiles and lobe-finned fish.

Shubin's interest in evolution was kindled as a student at the College and cultivated inside and outside the classroom. He cites a comparative anatomy course taught by biology professor Walter Bock that played an important role in developing his interests.

"He taught anatomy from fish to cats to humans. It was the structure of the body in an evolutionary perspective, looking mostly at muscles and bones but also guts and everything else. That was a really important course for me," says Shubin.

In addition, he finds Core Curriculum texts relevant to his understanding of scientific principles.

"I'm often tracing the history of our science," Shubin says, "and much of the history of our science goes back to some of the people we read in the Core — Plato and Aristotle on the one hand, and Adam Smith and Karl Marx on the other. Historically, our views of natural history, from the workings of the earth to those of life, have roots in Greek philosophy. Also, market and economic factors can structure social systems in an analogous way that natural selection does for biological ones."

Some of Shubin's formative experiences as an undergraduate took place at the American Museum of Natural History, where he began volunteering while he was a freshman. There he had access

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Shubin, associate dean for organismal and evolutionary biology and the Robert R. Bensley Professor at Chicago, holds part of a fossil from *Tiktaalik roseae*, a species that fills in the evolutionary gap between fish and land animals.

PHOTO: DAN DRY

to the collection, a privilege granted by the late Malcolm McKenna, curator of vertebrate paleontology at AMNH and professor of geological sciences at Columbia. It was precisely the access to world-class institutions such as the AMNH that drew Shubin to Columbia.

“I liked the fact that it was a small college, but also that we had the resources of a big city. That proved to be hugely important to me,” explains Shubin, who was born and raised in Philadelphia.

McKenna invited Shubin to Wyoming on a field dig, which had a lasting impression on the aspiring scientist and cemented his fascination with fossils.

“It was a remarkable experience to catalyze my own interests,” Shubin says. “Having someone show faith in me was a very big thing. Now that I’m a teacher, I try to return the favor.”

For Shubin, however, fossils tell only half the story. Daeschler, associate curator of vertebrate zoology at the Academy of Natural Sciences, notes that Shubin has been at the forefront of evolutionary developmental biology, a revolutionary approach known as “evo-devo”

that consists of examining the role of genes in development in order to establish common ancestry among species.

“Neil was at the right place at the right time and had the right background, but at the same time he’s helped drive that revolution,” says Daeschler.

Shubin became interested in evo-devo during a course on developmental biology at Harvard. Fascinated by the similarities between embryos of radically different species, Shubin, who had enrolled in graduate school with the intention of studying early mammals, decided instead to focus on fish and amphibians.

“It’s hard to not be impressed by how much of our evolutionary history is captured in development,” Shubin says. “Then it became a hunt for the best system to work on where I could bring together both evolutionary biology and developmental biology, particularly the love for fossils that I gained at Columbia with the love of embryos that I gained at Harvard.”

“It became clear that the best animals to do that are fish and amphibians. There were lots of important questions in the fossil record that were wide open for people who wanted to make important discoveries.”

Shubin’s dissertation on the evolution of limbs and their re-



The 2008 field crew (left to right): Jason Downs, Daeschler, Andrew Gillis, Randall Dahn, Shubin and Farish A. Jenkins Jr.

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The crew excavates fossils in Bird Quarry in 2004. Several specimens lie encased in plaster, waiting to be shipped back to the labs for preparation.

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lationship to fins drew from his work with fossils and embryos. He is one of a small number of scientists that apply both paleontology and developmental biology to the study of evolution. In his laboratory at Chicago, whose faculty he joined in 2000 from Penn, he continues to investigate the transition from fins to limbs through *Tiktaalik* and other primitive fish.

In 2007, Shubin and fellow researchers announced that through experiments on paddlefish—a primitive living fish bred for caviar—they had determined that ancient fish were genetically capable of producing limbs with digits. Their conclusion corroborated with genetics what *Tiktaalik* had demonstrated morphologically.

“Neil’s constantly on the boundaries between deep time evolution [evolutionary events put in the context of the Earth’s vast history] and a profound understanding of modern biology. He sees things that other people don’t and puts them in a cutting-edge biological context. That’s where his real strength lies,” says Olsen.

After graduating from Harvard, Shubin completed a two-year postgraduate fellowship at UC Berkeley. He began his teaching career at Penn in 1989. In 2008, Shubin published his first book, *Your Inner Fish: A Journey into the 3.5-Billion-Year History of the Human Body*, in which he describes the evolution of the human body for a

"I'm often tracing the history of our science, and much of the history of our science goes back to some of the people we read in the Core."



A model of *Tiktaalik roseae*, depicted in what scientists believe to be the animal's environment about 375 million years ago.
MODEL: TYLER KEILLOR; PHOTO: BETH ROONEY

non-scientific audience in a conversational, often humorous, tone.

Your Inner Fish is a product of Shubin's experiences teaching human anatomy at Chicago for three years, an unlikely undertaking for a fish paleontologist, prompted by faculty departures.

"It became clear that being a paleontologist — and not just any paleontologist, but a fish paleontologist — is actually a really powerful way to teach human anatomy," says Shubin. "Many of the basic roadmaps to our bodies are found in other creatures. If you want to teach the structure of human limbs, it is often easier to look at the simpler state of affairs in fish."

Your Inner Fish earned the Phi Beta Kappa Science Book Award and scored Shubin an appearance on Comedy Central's *Colbert Report* in 2008. (See the video at college.columbia.edu/cct.) The following year, it was awarded the National Academy of Sciences' Science Communication Award for Best Book.

In his spare time, Shubin enjoys being outdoors, engaging in activities such as fly fishing and hiking. He also relishes family time with his wife, Michele, and his children, Nathaniel and Hannah.

"My kids are 9 and 5, so we enjoy museums and pretty much anything to do with water or snow," he says.

Shubin, however, does not allow himself to get too relaxed when it comes to his work. In fact, in *Your Inner Fish*, he describes himself as having "ants in his pants." Accordingly, Daeschler notes that his former teacher always has his eyes set on new frontiers, a voraciousness he points to as one of Shubin's greatest strengths as a scientist and as a mentor.

"Neil is always asking, 'What do we do next after we complete this piece?'" says Daeschler. "His ability to look at the big picture keeps you moving forward."

To see a slideshow of Shubin and his team working in the field, go to college.columbia.edu/cct.



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Soccer and the Jewish Question

Franklin Foer '96 explains how one soccer club's destiny was shaped by European anti-Semitism

Franklin Foer '96 was the editor of *The New Republic* from 2006–10. Currently *TNR*'s editor-at-large, he is working on a book about the birth of American liberalism — partly inspired, he says, by a long-ago seminar with the Allan Nevins Professor of American History and Provost Emeritus Alan Brinkley.

Foer's previous effort, *How Soccer Explains the World: An Unlikely Theory of Globalization* (HarperCollins, reissued last year) became a national bestseller and was named one of the "Five Most Influential Books of the Decade" by *Sports Illustrated*. "I suck at soccer," Foer announced cheerfully in that book's first sentence. But despite his childhood failures on the field, he grew to love the world's most popular sport. As he followed soccer, Foer began to think of it as a political phenomenon, perhaps even a bellwether of international change. "From the perspective of my couch," he remarks in his prologue, "the game seemed much further along in the process of globalization than any other economy on the planet."

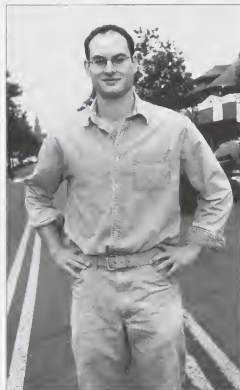
Seizing on this thesis, Foer took an eight-month leave from *TNR* to travel the globe. He

interviewed Serbian soccer fans (the Ultra Bad Boys) in Belgrade. He marveled at the workers'-collective idealism of FC Barcelona, known in the sporting press as Barca, a Spanish club with its own museum (complete with paintings by Dalí and Miró). He looked at the ways in which a nation's political corruption is mirrored on its soccer fields, and he studied — in countries from Iran to Brazil — the conflicts between tribalism (soccer's usual form of loyalty) and larger forms of identity.

"The game has all sorts of political subtexts ..." Foer told *The Atlantic*.com in an interview. And that seems to be what he likes about it. "Soccer matches usually signify a clash of religions, classes and castes. To me, that's what makes the game so thrilling to watch. There's always some elevated stake to the game."

In the following excerpt from a chapter called "How Soccer Explains the Jewish Question," Foer examines the way that one early soccer club's destiny was shaped by the forces of European anti-Semitism.

Rose Kernochan '82 Barnard



Franklin Foer '96
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"Do you want something to read?"

"Yes, do you have something really light?"

"How about this short leaflet: *Famous Jewish Sports Legends*."

—The movie *Airplane!*, 1980

I had grown up thinking that great Jewish athletes come around about once in a decade, if the gene pool gets lucky. There was the Los Angeles Dodgers pitcher Sandy Koufax in the sixties; the swimmer Mark Spitz in the seventies; and then many fallow years. At home, my father and I would imagine that various athletes were quietly Jewish, like the Marrano survivors of the Spanish Inquisition. My father was especially adamant that Sid Bream, a lanky, energetic first baseman with the Atlanta Braves, was a person of the book. And, to be fair, the name, both first and last, made him a plausible member. But in retrospect, there were biographical details that probably should have negated our analysis. Sid Bream liked to talk about his love of hunting, and he drove a pickup truck. Yes, he wore a Mark Spitz moustache, but that was twenty years after its vogue within our community. The simple truth was that we were too apprehensive to go looking for Bream's real ethnicity.

Before Bream captured the imagination of our household, I had stumbled across the soccer club Hakoah of Vienna, winners of the 1925 Austrian championship. Hakoah's great triumph came at a time when Austrian soccer represented the world's gold standard of style and strategy. Although they had only a few scarce encounters with the other great teams of the era, Hakoah usually triumphed in these matches. Based on all the evidence we have, the Jewish all-stars were, for a short spell, one of the best teams on the planet.

Hakoah first came to my attention in a book that I found rummaging through my uncle's old bedroom, in my grandparents' house: *Great Jewish Sports Legends*. It had a frayed blue spine that could be lifted to reveal the naked binding. Sepia photos filled its pages. When this volume came into my possession at age eight, it quickly became a personal favorite. Because it had been written in the early 1950s, it wasn't so far removed from the mid-century American renaissance of Jewish athletes, which consisted of giant figures such as the Chicago Bears' quarterback Sid Luckman ('39) and the Detroit Tigers' first baseman Hank Greenberg. Like so much of Jewish life at that moment, the book was schizophrenic about its ethnic identity. As I remember the book, it was both a paean to Jewish achievement and to assimilation, but mostly to assimilation. There was no Star of David on the title page and no anecdotes about Greenberg skipping a crucial season-end game to attend Yom Kippur services. That's why Hakoah sprang at me from the pages. There was nothing self-effacing about the Jewishness of the Hakoah players. The team had a Hebrew name and advertised its Judaism on its jersey.

From the start, in other words, Hakoah had seemed chimerical to me. My search for the team made it even more so. I traveled to Vienna with promises of help from academics and community leaders. From them, I began to compile the names of Viennese Jews in their eighties and nineties who might have some memory of the championship season. Since 1940, Viennese Jewry has dwindled from approximately 200,000 to 7,000. Some of these remaining few include immigrants from the old Soviet bloc and a smattering of Israelis who have moved to town for business. The bulk consists of aging natives. Many of them have children in the U.S. and even spent years abroad themselves. But they've come back to the city of their youth for their last days so they can

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live a familiar lifestyle. Because so many Austrians enthusiastically welcomed the Nazis, they often apologize for continuing to reside in Vienna. A retired professor of economics told me in a perfect American accent, "What can I do? I know the Austrians are the worst. Maybe they would do it all over again. But I have interests here and friends. It's comfortable."

These elderly Jews wanted badly to talk about the past, about politics and their love of the United States, to buy me a meal at a Chinese restaurant and a pastry at a coffee house. Unfortunately, for my purposes, these conversations didn't have anything remotely to do with soccer. None of them had played the game. Their parents considered it too scruffy, violent, and proletarian for their children. Viennese Jews were among the most bourgeois of the bourgeoisie. And even these old Jews were too young to remember Hakoah's glory years during the twenties. "Maybe there's someone in New York you could talk to," they told me. I had gone all the way around the world only to be told that the answers to my queries might be found in the smoked-fish line at Zabar's on Broadway. Sadly, in New York and Florida, where I had more names to contact, I didn't make much more headway. I couldn't. Anyone who might remember Hakoah at its best is too superannuated to remember, or no longer around. As far as I can tell, the historical memory of the club now resides with a gentle Swedish sportswriter from the town of Hässelby called

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Gunnar Persson who has obsessively tracked every shred of evidence vaguely related to the club. With his help, I began to cobble together the story of the wonder Jews.

Although it seems so strange now, the idea of a professional Jewish soccer club, it is only strange because so few of the Jewish soccer clubs survived Hitler. But, in the 1920s, Jewish soccer clubs had sprouted throughout metropolitan Europe, in Budapest, Berlin, Prague, Innsbruck, and Linz.

Jewish teams cloaked themselves in Jewish, not Hungarian or Austrian or German, nationalism, literally wearing their Zionism on their sleeves and shirts. Decades before Adolf Eichmann forced them to don the yellow star, some of these clubs played with King David's logo stitched onto the breasts of their jerseys. They swathed themselves in blue-and-white uniforms, the colors of Israel. Their unabashedly Hebrew names, Hagibor ("The Hero"), Bar Kochba (after the leader of a second-century revolt against the Romans), and Hakoah ("The Strength"), had unmistakably nationalist overtones.

If all this seemed exceptionally political, it was because these clubs were the products of a political doctrine. An entire movement of Jews believed that soccer, and sport more generally, would liberate them from the violence and tyranny of anti-Semitism. The polemicist Max Nordau, one of the founding fathers of turn-of-the-century Zionism, created a doctrine called *Muskeljudentum*, or muscular Judaism. Nordau argued that the victims of anti-Semitism suffered from their own disease, a condition he called *Judenrot*, or Jewish distress. Life in the dirty ghetto had afflicted the Jews with effeminacy and nervousness. "In the narrow Jewish streets," he wrote, "our poor limbs forgot how to move joyfully; in the gloom of sunless houses our eyes became accustomed to nervous blinking; out of fear of constant persecution the timbre of our voices was extinguished to an anxious whisper." To beat back anti-Semitism and eradicate *Judenrot*, Jews didn't merely need to reinvent their body politic. They needed to reinvent their bodies. He prescribed *Muskeljudentum* as a cure for this malady. He wrote, "We want to restore to the flabby Jewish body its lost tone, to make it vigorous and strong, nimble and powerful." Jews, he urged in articles and lectures, should invest in creating gymnasias and athletic fields, because sport "will straighten us in body and character."

Muscular Judaism wasn't an egghead's pipe dream. Nordau's high-toned words trickled down to the leaders of Central Europe's Jewish communities. Of the fifty-two Olympic medals captured by Austria between 1896 and 1936, eighteen had been won by Jews — eleven times more than they would have won if they had performed proportional to their population. And while much of the achievement came in individual events, especially fencing and swimming, Jews thrived in soccer, too. During the 1910s and 1920s, a healthy portion of the Hungarian national soccer team consisted of Jews. For a brief moment, Jewish sporting success mimicked Jewish intellectual achievement.

There is something creepy about Max Nordau's description of the sickly, effeminate Jewish body. And the creepiness lies in its similarities to the anti-Semitic caricature.

Perhaps it's not a coincidence. Zionism and modern European anti-Semitism dripped out of the same fin-de-siècle intellectual spout. Both movements were born at the turn of

the last century, in the midst of another wave of massive globalization and discombobulating social change, when the European intelligentsia reacted strongly against the values of the enlightenment. They embraced a scientific concept of race, an almost homoerotic obsession with perfecting the body, and a romantic idea of the motherland. Neither placed any emphasis on the universal brotherhood of man, the ideal of the French Revolution.

But that counter-enlightenment phase passed long ago, defeated in war and intellectually discredited. The last fifty years of European politics has run hard in the opposite direction, a return to the celebration of reason and universalism. Certainly, that's the theory behind the European Union, which assumes that conflicts can be avoided with dialogue and that commonality of interest can transcend even the deepest enmity.

This liberalization of thinking hasn't purged anti-Semitism from the European system. By most counts, continental anti-Semitism is as pervasive as it has ever been in the postwar era, or even more so. It certainly exists within European soccer. But that doesn't mean that European anti-Semitism is the same now as before the war. It's an entirely different beast, one not nearly as likely to kill, that has been made less pernicious by globalization's transformation of Europe. Thanks to the immigration of Africans and Asians, Jews have been replaced as the primary objects of European hate. These changes can be seen in microcosm in the history of Jewish soccer.

But before explaining the present, it is necessary to go back and tell the story of Vienna's Hakoah.



At the beginning of the last century, revolutionary movements, of the left and the right, understood the political mileage to be gained from soccer. Socialist youth clubs sponsored teams, and aspiring fascists tried to hitch themselves to popular clubs. In Vienna, a small circle of Zionist intellectuals saw the same potential in the game. This group included a dentist, a lawyer, and Fritz Beda-Löhner, the cabaret librettist who wrote "Yes, We Have No Bananas." They, too, wanted the game to propagandize on behalf of their movement.

In 1909, this group created the Hakoah athletic club in the spirit of Max Nordau. Its name translates from Hebrew as strength, and that was the Nordauesque point of the club: to project strength. The team was meant to burst stereotypes, but in one important respect it confirmed them. Before any other club in the world, Hakoah thoroughly embraced the marketplace. It paid its players and paid them well — about three times the salary of the average worker. These higher wages, along with the ideological mission, helped Hakoah assemble an all-star team of Jewish players recruited from across Austria and Hungary. While the club only fielded Jewish players, it brought in the best gentiles to coach them, including Englishmen who instilled the latest in strategy.

There was a danger inherent in the Hakoah concept. Viennese anti-Semites generally didn't need a pretext to shout bile or pick fights, but Hakoah gave them a perfect one. Common shouts from opposing fans included *Drecksjude* (dirty Jew) and the oxymoronic *Judensau* (Jewish pig). To give their fans some confidence that they could escape this environment alive, Hakoah plucked a corps of bodyguards from the wrestling and boxing clubs that it also ran. The most iconic Jewish self-defender was the wrestler Mickey Herschel. In photos, he looks like a Charles Atlas character, in a bikini brief with a musculature that seems impossible in a world before protein shakes and anabolic steroids. Herschel



Hakoah, which translates from Hebrew as "the strength," was among the world's best soccer clubs in the 1920s.

and his corps evolved into a community security force that sometimes stood outside synagogues and neighborhoods, casting appropriately goonish glances at prospective pogrom participants.

From the newspaper accounts of the period, it's not at all clear that the Jewish team possessed superior talent. But the clippings do make mention of the enthusiastic Jewish supporters and the grit of the players. The grittiest performance of them all came at the greatest moment in Hakoah history. In the third to last game of the 1924–25 season, an opposing player barreled into Hakoah's Hungarian-born goalkeeper Alexander Fabian as he handled the ball. Fabian toppled onto his arm, injuring it so badly that he could no longer plausibly continue in goal. This was not an easily remediable problem. The rules of the day precluded substitutions in any circumstance. So Fabian returned to the game with his arm in a sling and swapped positions with a teammate, moving up into attack on the outside right. Seven minutes after the calamitous injury, Hakoah blitzed forward on a counterattack. A player called Erno Schwarz landed the ball at Fabian's feet. With nine minutes remaining in the game, Fabian scored the goal that won the game and clinched Hakoah's championship.

In a way, Hakoah achieved just what its founders had hoped for: A victorious team trailed by a bandwagon of Jews. The same Jewish elites who dismissed the game as the province of working-class ruffians began to bankroll Hakoah, believing that the respect of gentiles it acquired might rub off on them. Assimilated Jews who didn't like to acknowledge or flaunt their identity in front of gentiles began filling Hakoah's 18,000-seat stadium in Vienna's second district. They told each other tales of how a gentile—who wanted Hakoah to beat a rival of his own club—shouted "Go Mr. Jew," a massively respectful cheer relative to the rest. As Edmund Schechter, an American diplomat, recounted in a memoir of his Viennese youth, "Each Hakoah victory become another proof that the period of Jewish inferiority in physical activities had come to an end."

Just as they built their squad using the methods of modern management, Hakoah exploited their successes with a marketing plan that could have been scripted by a Wharton MBA. In the off season, Hakoah toured the world, the same way that Manchester United now builds its brand with jaunts to the Far East and America. Instead of selling jerseys, however, Hakoah sold Zionism. Preparing for visits, Hakoah would send ahead promoters to generate buzz for *Muskelfudendum* and distribute tickets to companies stocked with Jewish employees. They lured overwhelming crowds to watch this curiosity. In New York, Hakoah pulled 46,000 fans into the Polo Grounds. Lithuanian Jews bicycled through the night to see the club. Such audiences lifted Hakoah's game to levels far above its natural talent. Against the London outfit West Ham United, the Jews ran up a 5–1 victory. Naysayers rightly point to the West Ham lineup on that day. And it's true, the Hammers didn't take the traveling Jews very seriously, playing a mostly reserve squad. Nevertheless, the achievement stands: Before Hakoah, no continental team had beaten an English club on English soil, the same soil on which the game had been created.

There was, however, an unintended consequence of this success. On the team's 1925 trip, Hakoah players caught a glimpse of New York City, a metropolis seemingly uninfected by European anti-Semitism. It replaced Jerusalem as their Zion, and, over the next year, they immigrated there en masse. Deprived of nine of its best players, Hakoah attempted resurrection but only achieved mediocrity. For the rest of its brief life, it struggled to hold down a place in the top division of Austrian football, occasionally plummeting out of it. And then, its players struggled against death. With the 1938 *Anschluss* and German rule of the nation, the Austrian league shut down Hakoah, nullified the results of any games played against Hakoah, and it handed over the club's stadium to the Nazis.



Reform School

BY ALEX KINGSBURY '04J

Andres Alonso '79 shakes up Baltimore's dysfunctional educational bureaucracy

It takes a certain type of man to correct the President of the United States. But that's just what Andres Alonso '79 did when President Barack Obama '83 inadvertently maligned the results of Alonso's life's work.

Last March, while announcing a new education initiative, Obama said that in school districts in Detroit, Indianapolis and Baltimore, the student graduation rates "hover around 30, 40 percent — roughly half the national average."

Not so, Alonso, CEO of the Baltimore City Public School System, told an audience during a conference a few days later. The district has improved that rate to more than 63 percent in the past two years. He called the President's words "a kick in the stomach."

It was more than just semantics to Alonso, who has pushed and prodded the ailing school district to coax kids back into the public schools and ensure they graduate. Indeed, 900 fewer students dropped out in 2010 than when Alonso took the reins of the system two years earlier. In July, he celebrated three years as CEO of the city's school system, making him the longest-serving schools head in recent memory.

The changes to the Baltimore schools during Alonso's tenure have been profound. Teachers and principals have been fired, staff jobs cut and authority simultaneously centralized in the office of the CEO and decentralized to principals. Positive outcomes are the only goal.

Baltimore is the latest example of a trend in school reform that has played out in cities such as Atlanta, Boston, New York and Washington, D.C., for the past decade. They all follow a similar script: a powerful superintendent (in Alonso's case, CEO), an entrenched bureaucracy and a fight to turn around schools caught in a cycle of failure and malaise.

"Mr. Alonso is changing the prospects for city schoolchildren not only through the force of his personality — he's demanding, responsive, impatient with excuses and can rankle some of his subordinates — but he's transformed the landscape by shaking up a

dysfunctional educational bureaucracy that has been failing kids for decades," gushed an editorial in *The Baltimore Sun* last year.

Joining his mentor and one-time boss Joel Klein '67, former New York City schools chancellor, as one of the country's foremost educational reformers is a surprising turn for the Cuban immigrant who was raised in Union City, N.J., and dreamed of being a lawyer.

Alonso was born in Jovellanos, Cuba, two years before Fidel Castro marched his victorious revolutionary army through the streets of Havana. Alonso's family was opposed to the communist regime and begged the government for permission to leave; that permission was granted eight years later, and the family fled Cuba for Union City, home to many Cuban immigrants at the time.

It also was home to numerous textile and embroidery factories, which is where Alonso's mother found work. His father got a job as an auditor for Merrill Lynch. A precocious student, Alonso remembers rewriting his father's notes for work into English. During his high school years, Alonso worked at a dry cleaner to earn money.

"It was an immigrant neighborhood where everyone was conscious of the fact that their parents had worked hard to get here and that a better life was possible," says Alex Valella '79, '82L, a lifelong friend who, like Alonso, took their Union Hill H.S. French teacher's advice and applied to Columbia.

Mrs. Brown, their influential *professeur*, might just as well have suggested attending school on the moon. "We'd only been into New York City in big groups," Alonso recalls. "It was another world for us."

Maybe so, but neither seems to have been too intimidated. The interviews went well, and both were offered nearly full scholarships. The friends skipped out on the freshman orientation, however, to watch the U.S. Open, the national championship of tennis, a sport both played and relished.

Alonso majored in English and history and had an interest in the French Revolution and the American New Deal. He counts John Romano, who taught courses on the novel, and Andrew Sarris '51, who taught film, as his favorite professors. He lived at home and read through his father's modest library of Spanish language history books to supplement his studies. To make ends meet, Alonso cleaned offices and worked shifts at a paint factory.

"I remember enjoying studying the New Deal, with its lessons about what is possible for a nation that is tested and challenged and what it can achieve," he says. "The city that I grew up in was architecturally shaped by the 1930s, so the reminders of the New Deal were everywhere."



Andres Alonso '79 heads a Baltimore City Public School System whose graduation rate improved by more than 63 percent the last two years.

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Valella and Alonso excelled at Columbia. Valella went on to the Law School, while Alonso, after graduating magna cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa, headed to Harvard, where he earned a J.D. in 1982. "Education, for me, was about acquiring social capital — that's what I thought it was and what I still think it is," Alonso says. "It was an antidote to some of the vulnerabilities of the immigrant experience and spurred on by an understanding of sacrifice — to see your mother working in a factory and to see your father vulnerable by not speaking the language perfectly."

Whatever his motivations, by the early 1980s Alonso had reached his goal: a job with a corporate firm in Manhattan, a pair of Ivy League sheepskins, financial security.

Two years later, bored by the drudgery of corporate law, Alonso quit. He lived off his savings and traveled to Europe and around the United States. Soon enough, he was back in New Jersey and, on the advice of his sister, applied for a teaching job. (Interestingly, notes the CEO famous for ousting insufficiently certified teachers, it was the fact that teachers in those days didn't need certificates that allowed him to get a foot in the door.)

Assigned to teach special education to emotionally disturbed students, Alonso spent 12 years in the classroom, adopted a student he took a special interest in and now concedes that "every day was a crisis.

"There is a perverse pride about staying in the classroom. It is endlessly engaging. But, in the end, I began to feel that I was becoming less effective," Alonso says. So, he headed back to the ivory tower, earning a master's in education in 1999 from a new Harvard program designed to sculpt education reformers.

From there Alonso headed to New York and was chief of staff for teaching and learning at the New York City Department of Education under Klein, who was then fast becoming one of the country's foremost education reformers, and among its most controversial.

Under the mayoralty of Michael Bloomberg, Klein had reined in the notoriously unwieldy New York Department of Education. Klein shuttered the Livingston Street headquarters, partnered with private education groups, slashed waste, and replaced underperforming teachers and principals. It worked. Graduation rates climbed and the achievement gap between white and minority students began to shrink, if ever so slightly.

"Being a great teacher is a form of theater, and being a superintendent is the same way."

In 2006, Alonso was named deputy chancellor, at the same time as he earned a doctorate from Harvard. Klein calls his time working with Alonso "a privilege" and holds no hard feelings that his No. 2 struck out on his own to take the reins of the Baltimore school district a year later. "He is a dynamic educational leader with a commitment to equity and excellence," Klein says. "The students in Baltimore and New York City whom he has served, and will serve, are the beneficiaries."

Not surprisingly, Alonso's formula in Baltimore has echoes of Klein's effort in New York. "Baltimore reminds me of Brooklyn in the 1990s, before the fashionistas arrived," Alonso says. He replaced a third of the city's principals and fired more than 200 ill-qualified teachers. He cut 300 of the 1,500 jobs at the school system's North Avenue headquarters, a symbol of its calcified bureaucracy, and moved many of them into the schools. Another 150 headquarters jobs were axed outright.

It has been a hard grind. "I'm in early and I expect my staff to be, too," Alonso says during an interview in his North Avenue office. Glancing down at his BlackBerry, he grins and adds, "and this thing is never off." Valella says that Alonso's commitment to the job is intense. "We haven't had a chance to get out and play tennis for about eight years. Some people, like me, work a day job. For others, their job is their life."

But it has paid dividends for Baltimore students. "Being a great teacher is a form of theater, and being a superintendent is the same way," Alonso says. "The lighting and the script are important; so are a reliable group of actors who can be counted on to do their jobs. My job is to help convince all the players in the cast that they have a stake in the outcome of the performance."

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Charles Ardai '91 Keeps Crime Fiction Fresh

Hard Case Crime brings lost noir classics and new novels to today's audience

BY GRACE LAIDLAW '11

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uthor, publisher and Internet guru Charles Ardai '91 has been devouring crime novels since elementary school. The child of Holocaust survivors, he uses his parents' influence to explain his passion. Because he grew up hearing stories about the extremes of human evil, Ardai always has been drawn to the dark world of hardboiled fiction — a world where heroism has its place, but cruelty and betrayal are the norm.

As an adult, Ardai seeks to revive the pulp genre with his publishing company, Hard Case Crime (hardcasecrime.com), which releases mass-market editions of mystery novels ranging from lost noir masterpieces to new novels. Ardai and his co-founder, Max Phillips, started the enterprise in 2004. "We were both passionate about mystery novels, and we thought publishing would be an interesting challenge," says Ardai.

Before going into business together, the two were colleagues at Juno, an Internet provider that spun off in 1996 from worldwide financial firm D.E. Shaw & Co. Ardai was hired by Shaw shortly after he graduated from Columbia and came up with the idea for Juno in 1994. He oversaw the start-up's development, and Phillips assisted him by doing graphic design work. Juno merged with NetZero in 2001, and Ardai returned to Shaw but soon began looking for an outside venture to occupy his extra time. After the merger had been finalized, Ardai and Phillips went out to dinner to discuss possible business plans. The result was Hard Case Crime (HCC).

Ardai also writes mysteries of his own. He has published four novels to date, the latest in 2009. A native Manhattanite, he writes stories set in New York and uses New Yorkers as characters; in fact, the protagonist of his first two novels, *Little Girl Lost* and *Songs of Innocence* (2004 and 2007, Hard Case Crime), is an NYU dropout. In *Songs of Innocence*, he has enrolled at GS and taken a job as the departmental administrator in Columbia's writing program; much of

the plot takes place in Morningside Heights, including a dramatic chase scene through Columbia's famed tunnel network. The titles of Ardai's first two novels are taken from William Blake poems that he studied with the late Karl Kroeber '56 GSAS.

Ardai's work has been reviewed in *Publishers Weekly* and *The Washington Post*, among other publications. *Little Girl Lost* was nominated for the Edgar Allen Poe Award by the Mystery Writers of America in 2005, and his short story "The Home Front" received the award in 2007.

Ardai published his first two novels under an anagrammatic pseudonym, Richard Aleas. The choice was not intended to conceal his identity from readers, Ardai explains; many of the original pulp writers used pen names, and he adopted the convention as a "tip of the hat" to the genre that inspired him. "It was more of a symbolic gesture than anything else," he says. "I wanted to maintain separate identities as writer and editor."

During the past six years, HCC has published dozens of works by both established mystery authors and unknown talents, averaging one release every two weeks. The majority of the books are reprints, but the company also takes on new manuscripts, including Ardai's novels as well as several written by his co-founder.

Until recently, HCC was affiliated with Dorchester Publishing, the oldest independent mass-market book publisher in the country.

(Opposite) Charles Ardai '91 turned his passion for pulp fiction into a publishing business.

PHOTO: MELANIE KING



In 2010, however, Dorchester began to shift its priorities toward digital book production, and HCC developed a partnership with a London-based company, Titan Publishing Group. Arдай explains that the group seems like a good match for HCC because its releases already have a pop culture slant and visually striking cover art — two essential elements of the lurid hard-boiled crime genre.

Arдай has begun exploring new avenues outside of publishing. He recently finished negotiations with Universal Pictures, which plans to make a feature film of *Little Girl Lost*. Jonathan Levine, best known for his work on *The Wackness*, has signed on as director, and Michael Bacall, who created the script for *Scott Pilgrim vs. The World*, will be writing the screenplay. Arдай is thrilled by these developments. At 15, he had a role as an extra in the Woody Allen movie *Radio Days*, but in his mind, the job hardly qualifies as a film career. "I'm glad to have a second shot," he says. "To a kid from midtown Manhattan, Hollywood just seems unbelievably glamorous."

Arдай also is trying his hand at television. In 2005, HCC published a novel by Stephen King, *The Colorado Kid*. Arдай originally approached the author about reprinting one of his books in mass-market format, but King responded with an offer to write a new mystery. A program called *Haven*, based on *The Colorado Kid*, premiered on the Syfy network last summer, airing Fridays at 10 p.m. The network renewed the series, for which Arдай is a writer and producer, for a second season this summer.

King is not the only well-known author with whom Arдай has collaborated. Since founding HCC, he has published books by mystery genre living legends such as Jason Starr and Lawrence Sanders. Block attributes much of HCC's success to Arдай's determination. "Charles picks the books, selects and inspires the cover artists, puts the whole package together and generates brilliantly effective publicity for it all," Block says. "He's apparently tireless, and the whole business gains from his presence in it."

Arдай's business partner agrees. "To talk about Charles personally is to talk about him professionally," says Phillips. "Work is fun for him, and he thrives on stress that would kill most people."

Asked if he sees his work in publishing as a digression from his career path, Arдай explains that he thinks of it as a return to his original plan. "I started out defining myself as a writer before reaching double digits," he says. "People always ask, 'How does an Internet entrepreneur wind up as a mystery writer?' A better question is, 'How does a guy who sees himself as a writer end up as an Internet entrepreneur?' Before starting work at Juno, Arдай had been pursuing a career in writing for years. He began as a teenager by reviewing video games for an entertainment magazine, and remembers himself as a merciless critic. "I was the Frank Rich of video game reviewers," he says with a laugh. "In all seriousness, though, that job was a terrific proving ground."



Arдай enjoys a rare moment of leisure touring Beijing.

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Arдай also showed an early interest in editing. Before finishing high school, he was an intern at Davis Publications, where he helped to compile short story anthologies, including some in the mystery genre. He was a commuter student in college, and when he wasn't on campus, he was downtown, haunting various publishing offices in search of work and advice.

Arдай chose Columbia because he wanted to stay in the city after high school and was impressed by the University's academic reputation. He majored in English and graduated summa cum laude. He distinctly re-

members classes with Kroeber, the Mellon Professor Emeritus in the Humanities, who taught British Romantic poetry, and John Rosenberg '50, '60 GSAS, the William Peterfield Trent Professor Emeritus of English, who lectured on Victorian verse.

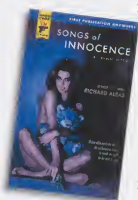
It was actually because of his excellence in English that Arдай was recruited by Shaw. The firm was founded in 1988 by David Shaw, a biochemist and former Columbia computer science professor, whose idea was to recruit top graduates from liberal arts fields in order to get outside perspectives on the financial industry, assuming that the technical skills required for the work could be taught if candidates were highly intelligent and sufficiently motivated.

Arдай brought with him to Shaw not only a strong background in English but also an eclectic knowledge of many other subjects. While at Columbia, he made a point of taking as many courses as possible outside his major. "If I was interested in writing about a topic, I took a class on it," he says. In addition to his poetry courses, Arдай recalls American history lessons with Walter Metzger '46 GSAS, professor emeritus of history, and classes on Chinese culture with the late Barnard professor Irene Bloom '76 GSAS. The author is emphatic in his praise of the Columbia faculty and expresses his admiration as only a hardboiled mystery writer could: "I had countless outstanding professors. They'll pry your brain open with a crowbar and stuff things inside if they have to, but in the end, it works."

Ironically, Arдай's interest in writing originally made him hesitant to attend the College. When he applied to Columbia, it did not have an undergraduate creative writing major — a lack that made him consider going to NYU. Though he did take creative writing classes while at Columbia, Arдай feels that the College had a much more significant impact on the content of his writing than on its style. "You can learn to write on your own," he says. "Learning about life is where Columbia helped me out."

To read the first two chapters of Arдай's hit novel *Songs of Innocence*, which takes place at Columbia, go to college.columbia.edu/cct.

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THE CONSUMMATA: LITTLE GIRL LOST: COVER PAINTINGS BY ROBERT MCGINNIS
THE COLORADO KID: FIFTY-ONE, SONGS OF INNOCENCE: COVER PAINTINGS BY GLEN ORLIK



Obituaries

1944

Kenneth G. Englar, retired engineer, Newport Beach, Calif., on March 2, 2010. Englar entered with the Class of 1944 but earned a B.S. in 1943 from the Engineering School. He was born on June 19, 1923, in New York City. During WWII, Englar was drafted into the Army and assigned to help purify plutonium for the top-secret Manhattan Project at Los Alamos, N.M. After the war, he moved to California to join the burgeoning aerospace industry. Englar helped design airplanes, satellites, space stations and rockets for 39 years at McDonnell Douglas. His final project for McDonnell Douglas was the successful design, creation and test launch of a missile interception for the Strategic Defense Initiative. After retirement, Englar served for several years on a NASA safety commission and traveled the world as an aerospace consultant. He received a NASA Public Service medal. Englar is survived by his wife of 58 years, Jane; children, Bruce, Russell, Barbara and Janet; eight grandchildren; and a sister. Memorial contributions may be made to KUSC or the Pacific Chorale.

1945

Donald W. Johnson, radiologist, Bloomfield, Conn., on May 7, 2010. Johnson was born in Hartford, Conn., on January 3, 1923, and grew up on Staten Island. After earning an M.D. from P&S in 1948, he did his internship and residency at Presbyterian Hospital. From 1952-54, Johnson served in the Air Force as radiologist at MacDill AFB in Tampa, Fla. In 1955, he joined the radiology staff at Presbyterian, leaving in 1961 to join a group in private practice at Hartford Hospital. In 1963, Johnson and three other young radiologists formed Jefferson X-Ray Group, a practice that now numbers more than 40. A longtime member of the Universalist Church of West Hartford, Johnson served on the Boards of Education and Finance, chaired the Scholarship Committee and taught in the church school for 31 years. Together with his wife, Dorothy, whom he met at P&S, he received the Distinguished Service award in 1990. Johnson retired in 1987. He enjoyed playing the piano

Joseph D. Coffee Jr. '41, Devoted Alumnus

Joseph D. Coffee Jr. '41, a retired academic administrator and longtime involved College alumnus, died on January 23, 2011. He was 92 and lived in Lakewood, N.J.

Born on December 8, 1918, in Glens Falls, N.Y., Coffee served from ensign to lieutenant commander in the Navy during WWII and, along with five other members of the Class of '41, was profiled in *Columbia magazine's* Fall 2005 feature "Six Who Served" (Columbia.edu/cu/alumni/Magazine/Fall2005/index.html).

Coffee began his distinguished career in college administration in 1947 at Columbia. He was assistant to the president for alumni affairs when he left in 1967 to join Eisenhower College in Seneca Falls, N.Y., as a founding administrator, and retired in 1983 as chancellor of Eisenhower College of Rochester Institute of Technology following their merger. Coffee also was the director of the Educational Fund of the Joint Industry Board of the Electrical Industry for more than 40 years, administering college scholarships for union member's children, and co-developed the nation's first residential educational program for union members.

Deeply dedicated to the College, Coffee is widely credited with originating many of its most cherished alumni traditions,



among them the John Jay Associates program, Dean's Day, the Alexander Hamilton Medal, the Columbia College Fund and CCT. He is an honorary permanent member of the Columbia College Alumni Association Board of Directors, served as a University trustee, served as a Columbia University Club Foundation trustee, was a longtime member of the Society of Columbia Graduates and was a Nacorn. Coffee also was heavily involved in the Columbia Undergraduate Remembrance Committee. He was presented a John Jay Award for distinguished professional achievement in 1998 and an Alumni Federation Medal in 1957.

Coffee also was involved in his local communities, serving as a trustee of the Board of Education of Teaneck, N.J., for six years, during which time Teaneck became the first town in the United States to voluntarily desegregate its schools.

He was named Teaneck's first Citizen of the Year in 1967. Coffee also served on the board of directors of the National Women's Hall of Fame in Seneca Falls. After retiring, he and his wife, Margaret Jennings, moved to Red Bank, N.J., where he was active in the Red Bank Rotary, the Shadow Lake Village community and the St. James Catholic Church choir. Coffee began his love of Rotary International in Seneca

Falls, where he served as president. Coffee devoted himself to the Ambassadorial Scholarship, which provides scholarships to study abroad, and started the Honorary Rotarian Award in 1988. He received the Paul Harris Award in 1988 and in 2002.

Coffee was predeceased by his wife of 56 years in 1998 and by a son, John, in 1993. He is survived by sons Jim and his wife, Betty, and Matt and his wife, Michele; daughters Mary Joyce, Barbara Wolf '73 Barnard and her husband, Steven '73, Erin Giovannini and her husband, David, and Ann Beach; and 19 grandchildren, including Daniel Wolf '05, '10L and his wife, Elizabeth '05. Memorial contributions may be made to the Columbia College Fund (college.columbia.edu/giveonline). A memorial service will be held on campus on Thursday, April 28, at St. Paul's Chapel.

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and organ, hiking, skiing, and traveling with his family. He is survived by his wife and sons, Richard and Theodore, and their wives. Memorial contributions may be made to Hartford Hospital Development Fund, 80 Seymour St., Box 5037, Hartford, CT 06102; or National Parkinson Foundation, 1501 N.W. 9th Ave./Bob Hope Rd., Miami, FL 33136-1494.

Theodore O. Prounis, attorney and management consultant, New York City, on May 22, 2010. Prounis entered with the Class of 1949 but earned a degree in 1950 from the Business School. He graduated from Stuyvesant H.S. and at Columbia was president of Sigma Nu and v.p. of the PNYX Hellenic Society. He was a founding board

member of the Hellenic Studies Program at Columbia. A WWII veteran, Prounis served in the Army Air Corps, flying on B-17 and B-29 bombers. He earned a J.D. from Fordham, was a "Cold War warrior" in Washington, D.C., and received the Distinguished Service Medal. Prounis practiced law for more than 30 years and returned to being a management consultant.

Garland E. Wood '65, Financial Executive

Garland E. Wood '65, a retired financial executive and member of the College's Board of Visitors from 1987-94, died on November 15, 2010. He was 66 and lived in Weston, Conn. Wood, an innovator in the municipal bonds market, rose through the ranks at Goldman Sachs during a two-decade career, becoming the first black partner at the firm and one of the first in the financial services industry. He was renowned as a leader and innovator in public finance and is widely recognized as being instrumental in leading Goldman's advanced refunding efforts in the late '70s and early '80s.

Wood was born in New York on December 29, 1943. He moved with his family to Prairie View, Texas, in 1948, where he attended public schools, excelling both in academics and athletics. After earning a B.A. in economics, Wood earned an M.B.A. from the Business School in 1972 and joined Goldman Sachs that same year. Goldman named Wood a general partner in 1986, making him the first black professional to reach Goldman's top tier of leadership. He was featured in *Black Enterprise Magazine* in 1992 as among the top 25



black professionals on Wall Street. He retired from Goldman in 1994 but for many years was an adviser to the firm.

Wood was a longtime supporter of the Greater New York Council of the Boy Scouts of America. The Garland E. Wood Foundation supported numerous causes and charities, including scholarships at the College, and Wood established a scholarship in his name at the Business School. He was a founder of Columbia's Black Alumni Council.

Wood is survived by his children, Michelle, Cynthia and Scott; mother, Lou Lee Wood; brothers, Curtis Jr. '64, '67L and Craig; and sisters, Barbara Wood Harrison '79 TC, Beth Setrakian and Gina Hector.

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Advancement of Science. Yates is survived by his wife, Janice Adcock Yates; son, Stephen; daughters, Allison Dixon and her husband, James, and Laura Fujita and her husband, Masahiko; and two grandchildren. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Clallam County, 540 E. Eighth St., Port Angeles, WA 98362 or to Northwest Parkinson's Foundation, 400 Mercer St., Ste 401, Seattle, WA 98109.

1958

George N. Brame, retired physician, professor, Riverdale, N.Y., on June 23, 2010. Brame was born in the Greenpoint section of Brooklyn on April 30, 1937. He earned a B.A. in English and then an M.D. from SUNY Health Science Center at Brooklyn in 1963. Brame had practiced internal medicine for nearly 40 years, including at the New York State Department of Health and as director of quality management at Elmhurst Hospital in Queens. He returned to SUNY Health Science Center at Brooklyn in 1998 to teach in the Department of Preventive Medicine and Community Health and the master of public health program and contributed to the development of the School of Public Health. For his work at SUNY, Brame was inducted into the Delta Omega Honorary Public Health Society and given the Volunteer Clinical Faculty Award. Brame was an avid reader and a poet, and his poetry was frequently featured in the *Annals of Internal Medicine*. He also enjoyed taking walks in his North Riverside neighborhood. Brame is survived by his wife of 34 years, Joan '64 Barnard; and sons, Leonard '02 and Donald.

1980

Joseph V. DiGiuseppe, retired deputy city solicitor, Philadelphia, on May 24, 2010. DiGiuseppe was a lifelong resident of Philadelphia. He attended St. Thomas Aquinas Parochial School and graduated from Central H.S. His College degree was in journalism, and he earned a J.D. from Temple Law School in 1989. DiGiuseppe was a former president of the Columbia Club of Philadelphia and a member of the Alumni Representative Committee. In Philadelphia, he was on the board of the Friends of the Free Library and a member of the Sons of Italy. DiGiuseppe played piano, coached in his son's T-ball league and enjoyed hiking. He is survived by his wife, Theresa Timlin; son,

Joseph Ruslan; mother, Carmella; and sister, Joanne Banacker. Memorial contributions may be made to the Friends of the Free Library of Philadelphia, Attn: Amy Dougherty, 1901 Vine St., Philadelphia, PA 19103, libraryfriends.info.

1994

Mildred E. "Millie" Niss, poet and web artist, North Tonawanda, N.Y., on November 29, 2009. Niss was born on May 6, 1973, and graduated magna cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa from the College, where she was named a Rabi Scholar in Mathematics and attended two National Science Foundation summer programs in computational algebraic geometry. In her freshman year, the Association of Women in Mathematics awarded Niss Special Recognition for the Alice Shafer Prize for "outstanding achievement in mathematics so early in [her] career" for a paper, *Inversion of Pascal-Like Triangles*, in the *Journal of Undergraduate Mathematics*, Spring 1993. In 2005, Niss' illness of many years was diagnosed as Behcets Disease, an autoimmune disease that attacks blood vessels anywhere in the body. Her treatment led to complications that left her bedridden and wheelchair-bound for the last three years of her life. Niss continued writing poetry and doing web art either alone or in collaboration with her mother, Martha Deed. Niss' web installations, poetry and links to publications may be found at <http://sporkworld.org>. To view her blog, designed as a journal, visit <http://sporkworld.tumblr.com>.

Lisa Palladino



He was an Archon Deputatos of the Holy Eucumenical Patriarchate, had served as an officer of the Archdiocesan Council and was president of the Board of Trustees of the Archdiocesan Cathedral of the Holy Trinity in New York 1984-94. Prounis is survived by his wife, Lila '50 GSAS; son, Othon '83, '86L; daughter, Amelia '87 SIPA; and four grandchildren. Memorial contributions may be made to the Holy Trinity Cathedral or to Columbia University, Program for Hellenic Studies, Attn: Gerry Visco, 1130 Amsterdam Ave., MC 2861, 617 Hamilton Hall, New York, NY 10027.

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Marvin L. Yates, chemist, Port Angeles, Wash., on March 4, 2010. Yates was born in Des Moines, Iowa,

on January 27, 1931, and served in the Navy during the Korean War 1952-55. He was in the Naval Reserve from 1955-77, retiring with the rank of commander. Yates earned a B.A. in chemistry and then a Ph.D. in analytical chemistry from Indiana University. He was employed by the U.S. Department of the Interior, Geological Survey Division, for 28 years, and worked in water quality control laboratories in Washington, D.C., Denver, and Menlo Park and Sacramento, Calif. A music aficionado, he had a special affinity for Mozart. Yates was fascinated with airplanes and air shows, especially those featuring WWII vintage aircraft. He was a 50-year emeritus member of the American Chemical Society and a longtime member of the American Association for the

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- 1930** Leonard Lazarus, attorney, New York City, on January 15, 2011.
- 1931** Fred W. Farwell, retired geologist, Stamford, Conn., on February 1, 2011.
- 1934** Herbert P. Jacoby, attorney, New York City, on January 12, 2011.
- 1936** Zachary B. "Bert" Friedenberg, physician, professor of orthopedic surgery, Philadelphia, on January 27, 2011.
- 1938** Robert P. Hopkins, psychologist and educator, Ventura, Calif., on December 21, 2010.
- 1939** John F. "Hoke" Hokanson, retired professor of veterinary sciences, Salt Lake City, Utah, on December 8, 2010.
- 1940** Alan D. Kattelle, retired engineer and business executive, authority on amateur cinematography, Hudson, Mass., on December 8, 2010.
- 1942** Clarence C. Eich, retired e.v.p., Decatur, Ga., on January 8, 2011.
- Werner D. Rahmlow, retired engineer, Camden, Maine, on January 3, 2011.
- 1943** Warren C. Meeker, retired business executive, Naples, Fla., on January 18, 2011.
- Walter J. Sassano, business owner, West Harrison, N.Y., on December 28, 2010.
- 1945** Carter H. Golembé, financial author and economic historian, Delray Beach, Fla., on December 19, 2010.
- Jack E. Oliver, Ithaca, N.Y., on January 5, 2011.
- 1946** Ralph L. Horst Jr., engineer, Pittsburgh, on December 31, 2010.
- Carlos M. Suarez, San Juan, P.R., on January 2, 2011.
- 1947** Christopher A. Guarino, retired orthopedic surgeon, Tucson, on December 14, 2010.
- Edwin T. Stitt, attorney, judge, oil company owner, Fairmont, W.V., on November 18, 2010.
- Robert H. Young, retired television broadcaster, Ridgewood, N.J., on January 19, 2011.
- 1948** Richard M. Hill, professor emeritus of business administration and professor of industrial distribution, Urbana, Ill., on December 12, 2010.
- David H. Horowitz, attorney, entertainment and media executive, Santa Fe, N.M., on December 14, 2010.
- Alex Katzenstein, farmer, insurance agent, Greensboro, N.C., on November 23, 2010.
- 1949** Allan H. Levy, physician, Champaign, Ill., on September 29, 2010.
- Michael Mannheim, professor of English, Strafford, Vt., on January 5, 2011.
- 1950** Joachim J. "Joe" Adamczyk, retired business executive, Madison, N.J., on January 4, 2011.
- George C. Finch, construction supervisor, New Bern, N.C., on November 27, 2010.
- John E. Silverberg, Long Island City, N.Y., on December 16, 2010.
- 1951** John B. Morris, minister, Atlanta, on December 28, 2010.
- Howard N. Ross, economics professor, New York City, on November 16, 2010.
- 1955** Don Grillo, ob/gyn, retired military servicemember, Jackson, Miss., on December 16, 2010.
- Jay R. Novins, pediatrician and psychiatrist, Ardsley, N.Y., on January 21, 2011.
- 1956** Herbert J. Baumgarten, Jupiter, Fla., on January 15, 2011.
- 1957** Ralph J. Knight, business owner, Westerville, Ohio, on November 27, 2010.
- 1959** Stephen M. Remen, psychiatrist and psychoanalyst, New York City, on January 20, 2011.
- David G. Trager, federal judge, Brooklyn, N.Y., on January 5, 2011.
- 1962** Eugene V. "Vic" Wolfenstein, professor, psychoanalyst, writer, Beverly Hills, on December 15, 2010.
- 1967** John A. Shayner, college administrator, Allamuchy Township, N.J., on September 23, 2009.
- 1968** Harris "Buzz" Baumgold, Palisades, N.Y., on August 15, 2010.
- 1969** Arthur M. Rubin, Westfield, N.J., on October 16, 2010.
- 1971** Lawrence J. Thomases, translator, interpreter, immigrant rights advocate, Medford, Mass., on December 10, 2010.
- 1973** Jesse L. Parks III, Atlanta, on August 7, 2010.
- 1979** Jonathan M. Kayes, chief learning officer, Vienna, Va., on August 5, 2010.
- 1987** Edward S. Feltman, ESL teacher, Bridgeport, Conn., on June 21, 2010.
- Gregory C. Giraldo, stand-up comedian, New York City, on September 29, 2010.
- 2002** Irina Shekshets, financial executive, Brooklyn, N.Y., on August 24, 2010.
- 2007** Jonathan E.S. Brilliant, Mill Valley, Calif., on January 20, 2011.

Bookshelf

The Demon at Agi Bridge and Other Japanese Tales translated by *Burton Watson* '50 and edited by *Haruo Shirane* '74, the Shincho Professor of Japanese Literature. Shirane has selected 38 early and medieval Japanese anecdotal stories that give insight into Japanese culture and literary style (Columbia University Press, \$22.50).

Your Personal Power-Up: Five Steps to Take Control of Your Life and Career by *Brenda McGowan-Fellows* and *Claudevill S. Thomas* '52. This book helps professionals take control of their emotions and gain professional and personal success (Executive Excellence Publishing, \$25).

Ageing Head in the Clouds by *Alan Holder* '53. In this collection of poems, Holder explores the reality and emotions of old age with precision and clarity (Finishing Line Press, \$14).

Unmanned Combat Air Systems: A New Kind of Carrier Aviation by *Norman Friedman* '54. Friedman examines the X-47B unmanned aircraft and its ability to transform naval aviation. The book also describes general tactics and unmanned aerial vehicle technology (Naval Institute Press, \$52.95).

The Wisdom Books: Job, Proverbs, and Ecclesiastes: A Translation with Commentary by *Robert Alter* '57. In this new translation, the author captures the style and narrative of the original Hebrew Bible while bringing modern readers closer to the

moral and philosophical meaning (W.W. Norton & Co., \$35).

The New Brazil by *Riordan Roett* '59. Roett traces the beginning of Brazil's economic crisis to its current status as a regional powerhouse while discussing the challenges with which the country is dealing (Brookings Institution Press, \$29.95).

Astronomical Photometry: Past, Present, and Future edited by *E.F. Milone* '61 and *C. Sterken*. The authors discuss how experts in the subfield of astronomical photometry provide accurate and precise measurements that are then used to test astrophysical theories (Springer, \$129).

DNA: A Graphic Guide to the Molecule that Shook the World by *Israel Rosenfield*, *Borin Van Loon* and *Eduard Ziff* '63. Exploring the history of DNA, the authors provide insights into the philosophical and current use of the double helix in the health and science fields (Columbia University Press, \$19.95).

The Works of James M. Whitfield: America and Other Writings by a Nineteenth-Century African American Poet edited by *Robert S. Levine* '75 and *Ioy Wilson*. Levine and Wilson gathered and annotated all of Whitfield's poetry and prose, highlighting not only his influence on Black Nationalism but also the importance of black writing during the 19th century (The University of North Carolina Press, \$26.95).

A Sloan Product: A Memoir of a Lost Boy by *Neil Selinger* '75. Sel-

inger's revealing memoir tells the story of his childhood in New Jersey and of the family business run by matriarch Olga (World Audience, Inc., \$20).

The Hippocratic Myth: Why Doctors Have to Ration Care, Practice Politics, and Compromise Their Promise to Heal by *Gregg Bloche* '77. Bloche examines the tension that doctors face by providing the utmost care for their patients and the pressure put on them by courts of law, insurance companies and government officials (Palgrave Macmillan, \$27).

Of Thee I Sing: A Letter to My Daughters by *Barack Obama* '83. President Obama highlights 13 Americans for their ideals that helped shape America, complemented by illustrations by Loren Long (Knopf Books for Young Readers, \$17.99).

Stories that Listen by *Priscilla Becker*, professor of creative writing. In this, her second book, Becker uses her poems to show the feelings and thoughts of heartbreak and suffering after the fact (Four Way, \$15.95).

After Pluralism: Reimagining Religious Engagement edited by *Courtney Bender*, associate professor of religion, and *Pamela E. Klassen*. The essays in this volume describe how religious differences can be solved by looking at how they have been historically and ideologically produced (Columbia University Press, \$29.50).

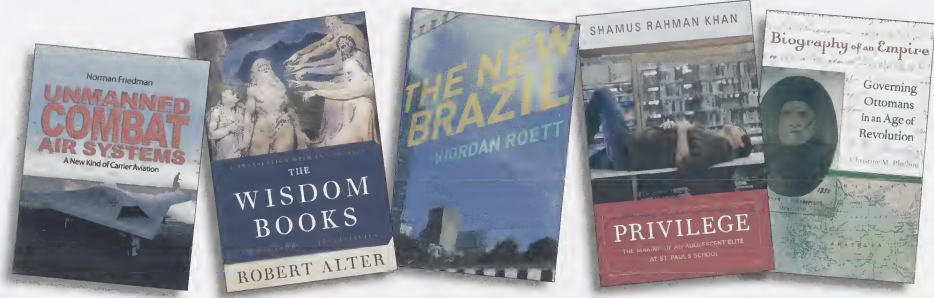
In the Demon's Bedroom: Yiddish Literature and the Early Modern by *Jeremy Dauber*, the Atran Associate Professor of Yiddish Language, Literature and Culture. This book focuses on the relationship between Yiddish literature and its readers by examining the skills and abilities of its audience (Yale University Press, \$85).

Economy, Difference, Empire: Social Ethics for Social Justice by *Gary Dorrien*, professor of religion. Using essays, Dorrien focuses on the ethics and politics of economic justice, racial and gender justice, and antiracism (Columbia University Press, \$35).

The Hidden Reality: Parallel Universes and the Deep Laws of the Cosmos by *Brian Greene*, professor of physics and mathematics. Using science and analogies, Greene explains the science behind the theory of our universe being one of many universes (Knopf, \$29.95).

The Encyclopedia of New York City: Second Edition edited by *Kenneth T. Jackson*, the Jacques Barzun Professor in History and the Social Sciences. This encyclopedia has more than 5,000 entries, including 800 new ones, and offers a comprehensive look at New York (Yale University Press, \$65).

Privilege: The Making of an Adolescent Elite at St. Paul's School by *Shamus Rahman Khan*, assistant professor of sociology. Khan returns to his alma mater in Concord, N.H.,



Adam Gidwitz '04 Reinvents the Brothers Grimm

BY GRACE LAIDLAW '11

Adam Gidwitz '04 turns classic folklore on its ear with his new children's novel, *A Tale Dark & Grimm* (Dutton Juvenile, \$16.99). His debut book follows two familiar characters — Hansel and Gretel — through a series of unfamiliar situations. The young protagonists run away from home, defeat a dragon and rescue a family trapped in a cave, among other adventures. Gidwitz rewrites the original Grimm stories, mixing up plotlines and inserting a wisecracking narrator. The result is a distinctly modern fairy tale targeted toward children aged 10 and up.

As a child, Gidwitz delighted in the works of Roald Dahl and Jerry Spinelli. He loved these authors for their quirky, sometimes morbid humor and their deadpan way of describing unbelievable events. Gidwitz would later come to identify and appreciate these same elements in classic fairy tales.

The author also grew up hearing various versions of the Grimm brothers' more famous stories. He played Prince Charming in a high school production of *Into the Woods*. It wasn't until he got to Columbia, however, that Gidwitz began to think of fairy tales as literature. He read much of the Grimm canon in translation from German as homework for a seminar on children's books led by the late Karl Kroeber '56 GSAS, the Mellon Professor Emeritus in the Humanities. Kroeber taught Gidwitz to look at Grimm — and other children's literature, including *Winnie the Pooh* and the *Harry Potter* series — from an academic standpoint.

"I learned to take the stories for what they were rather than imposing my own structure on the text," Gidwitz says.

Columbia has had a profound impact on the way Gidwitz thinks and writes. An English major, he was inspired not only by his classes but also by the literary history and culture of the city. "The intellectual passion that I encountered at Columbia and in New York has been very influential in my life," he says.

Gidwitz spent his junior year in England, taking part in the University's Oxford/Cambridge Scholars Program. While there, he was largely responsible for his own studies, meeting with a tutor only twice a week. During his year abroad, Gidwitz says, he developed the self-discipline necessary to become a productive writer.

Columbia also fostered Gidwitz's love of teaching. As a freshman, he volunteered for the East Harlem Tutorial Program, working with underprivileged elementary school children. By his sophomore year, he was helping to run the program. Gidwitz became deeply invested in his pupils and has stayed in touch with one student for nearly a decade. The boy, who was in the third grade when he met Gidwitz, now is a senior in high school.

Gidwitz continued to teach after college. When he graduated



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from Columbia, he took a job at St. Ann's School, a private K-12 academy in Brooklyn, while attending the Bank Street College of Education in the evenings. He graduated from the Bank Street program with master's in both general education and special education. Gidwitz stayed on at St. Ann's after finishing his graduate work. In the past seven years, he has worked with elementary, middle and high school students and has taught everything from basic math to advanced literary theory.

Although he has been fascinated with the brothers Grimm since college, it was only after he started teaching at St. Ann's that Gidwitz decided to write a new version of their stories. He hit on the idea for the novel while substituting for one of the school librarians. In an effort to entertain groups of second- and third-graders, he read aloud from his own copy of *Grimms' Tales for Young and Old*. The children were captivated.

Gidwitz strayed a bit from the text, pausing in strategic places to amuse and reassure his audience. He cracked jokes, offered comfort during tense moments and heightened his listeners' interest by dropping hints about what would come next. This running commentary became the inspiration for his novel's narrator.

"I think about my students while I write, and I imagine their reactions to every new chapter," says Gidwitz. "How I tell them stories is how I try to write stories."

Despite his training as a teacher, Gidwitz insists that his novel is not meant to be didactic. One feature that distinguishes a fairy tale from a fable, the author explains, is the lack of a distinct moral. Like any true fairy tale, his story was not written with a specific lesson in mind. "The Grimm brothers don't moralize," Gidwitz says. "Instead, they use symbol, magic and laughter to help children discover and navigate their own interior lives. My goal is the same."

Gidwitz has continued teaching at St. Ann's since the release of his book, and he has no plans to quit. In his spare time, he promotes the novel by doing just what inspired it in the first place: reading to children. The author's publicity tour has taken him to schools, libraries and bookstores throughout the five boroughs and beyond. When he isn't teaching or traveling, Gidwitz is working on his latest project, another novel-length fairy tale. This next book won't be a straightforward sequel, however. Instead of carrying on the saga of Hansel and Gretel, Gidwitz is writing about two of their descendants — Jack and Jill.

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to show how the prestigious school educates its boys and girls so that they embody privilege and are still able to do well in a diverse environment (Princeton University Press, \$29.95).

Biography of an Empire: Governing Ottomans in an Age of

Revolution by Christine M. Philliou, assistant professor of history. Philliou explores the influence of Phanariots and Christian elites on the Ottoman Empire and sheds light on the imperial crisis and change in the 1820s and 1830s (University of California Press, \$24.95).

Islamic Science and the Making of the European Renaissance by George Saliba, professor of Arabic and Islamic studies. Drawing on the account of scholar Ibn al-Nadim, Saliba argues that Islamic scientific thought began well before Greek sources were translated into Arabic (The MIT Press, \$22).

Alan Lomax: The Man Who Recorded the World by John Szwed, professor of music. Szwed captures the life and music of Lomax, a pioneering folklorist, writer, producer and oral historian (Viking Adult, \$29.95).

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Dick Greenwald, who had just reached his 90th birthday, died on November 21 at his home in Valhalla, N.Y. Dick and Rhoda, his lovely wife of 63 years, were regular attendees at our annual Arden House reunions. After a year of graduate studies in economics and statistics at Teachers College, Dick spent almost four years in the Army during WWII in China, Burma, India and the Pacific Theatre.

Dick was a prof. of underwriting and sales at Lumber Mutual and CEO of the Consolidated Insurance Group. He was an honored member of the Westchester Senior Hall of Fame and board chairman of St. Vincent's Services. He also was the first president of the Westchester Meadows Resident Council.

In addition to Rhoda, Dick is survived by two daughters and three granddaughters.

Ted de Bary, the John Mitchell Mason Professor of the University and provost emeritus, sent the following update on his continued service to the College and University: "Your *cri de coeur* in the November/December issue pricks my conscience enough so that I am sending you this update on myself.

"I continue to teach pro bono in the Asian Core Curriculum, Asian Humanities on the basic level and a colloquium called 'Nobility and Civility, East and West' on the more advanced undergraduate level. I also am active in conducting a series of workshops on Asian classics for graduate students to help prepare them for teaching in general education for undergraduates.

"I also have helped organize such workshops and conferences for other colleges both in the United States and Asia ('Classics for an Emerging World'). Much of this activity is based in the Heyman Center for the Humanities, the

Society of Fellows and the Society of Senior Scholars, which I helped to establish before my 'retirement.'"

After reading about Ted's lazy life, my only comment is "Wow!" Ted also reminded us of the May 2009 death of his beautiful wife, Fanny. Four classmates attended the service in St. Paul's Chapel: **Len Shayne** and **Art Weinstock**, who have since passed away; **Ray Robinson**; and myself.

We recently learned of two other classmates who are no longer with us.

Ed Amontree, a retired dentist, passed away in February in Sarasota, Fla., and **Doug Gruber**, who owned a talent agency, died in October in Sun City Center, Fla.

The *Forward* published a short autobiography of **Sherwin Kaufman**. He retired from his medical practice almost 20 years ago and began a new career as a songwriter, winning awards for both music and lyrics. Sherwin's late grandfather, the great writer **Sholem Aleichem**, and Sherwin's 99-year-old sister, **Bel**, are significant parts of his life. A sample linerick:

"Now **Bel** has one brother, it's I
"I didn't say 'me', you know why?
"Bel's grammar is pure
"But mine is unsure
"And that's just between you and I."

By the time this issue appears, your reporter will have returned from his Christmas week private tour to Costa Rica with my friend, **Fran Katz**, and her family, a group of 17. I also will have returned from Club Med in Ixtapa with **Fran** and my family, a group of 26. No further travel until June, when **Fran** and I go to Spain and Israel.

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On December 11, **Gerald Klingon**, his daughter, **Karen**, and his son, **Robert**, held a memorial gathering at their apartment in New York City for **Gerald's** beloved wife, **Judith**, who died earlier in the year. Among the friends who came to honor **Judith** and **Gerald** was **Avra Mark**, the widow of our former distinguished class correspondent, **Dr. Herbert Mark**, who died in January 2006. **Judith** was a gracious hostess at many gatherings of Columbia classmates at the **Klingon** apartment in Manhattan. Frequent guests included this writer,

Dr. Mark, the late **Jack Arbolino**, **Donald Seligman**, **R. Stewart McIlvannan** and our famous author, the late **Gerald Green**. We send our condolences to the **Klingon** family, and we will cherish our memories of **Judith's** intelligence, good humor and loyalty to Columbia.

On December 15, our Alumni Office notified me of the death of **Dr. Alan Baum** (89) at a hospice facility in Stuart, Fla. **Dr. Baum** obtained his M.D. from P&S in 1945 and served in the Navy during the Korean War. He then had a long and distinguished career as a board-certified radiologist, with private practice offices in Westbury, Hicksville and Huntington on Long Island, while residing in Oyster Bay, N.Y. **Dr. Baum** served a term as president of the New York chapter of the American College of Radiology and was a professor of clinical radiology at the State University Medical School in Stony Brook, N.Y. He also was chief of radiology at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Northport, N.Y. At Columbia, **Dr. Baum** won numerals and a Varsity 'C' for freshman and varsity wrestling, and was a member of the Grapplers Club, Dormitory Council, Newman Club and Pre-Medical Society. He is survived by his wife, **Cecelia Jane**; sons, **Gregory**, **Douglas**, '81E, **Alan Jr.** and **William**; and daughter, **Reyne Brezniski**, as well as granddaughter **Stephany Baum** '07, and three great grandchildren. We send condolences to **Dr. Baum's** family and pay tribute to them for their three generations as Columbia alumni.

On December 22, I was happy to receive a holiday card and news report from **R. Stewart McIlvannan** and his wife, **Marie**, who live in Lakewood, Colo. **Stew** was asked to give a talk on Veterans Day in honor of his 90th birthday on January 24. He reviewed his 36 months of active duty in the Navy during WWII, when he served as a gunnery and radar officer aboard the destroyer **USS C.K. Bronson**. His ship was part of the Fast Carrier Task Force in the Pacific, composed of battleships, cruisers, large aircraft carriers and a squadron of destroyers. The **C.K. Bronson** was the flagship of the squadron, supporting the Marines in nine major operations against the Japanese and was in Guam in August 1945 when the atomic bombs were dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki. The **C.K. Bronson** then provided escort for the battleship **Missouri** into Tokyo Bay, where General **Douglas MacArthur**

signed the surrender of Japan on September 2, 1945. In December, the **C.K. Bronson** returned to Brooklyn Navy Yard, where **Stew** concluded his tour of duty. He then entered the Law School, after which he served for five years in the F.B.I. and then embarked on a long career in the national trucking industry. At Columbia, **Stew** was a star halfback on the football team and a valued member of the basketball team. I remember sitting near **Stew** in Hamilton Hall in Professor **Boris Stanfield's** class on economics of the Soviet Union. Other notable classmates listening to Professor **Stanfield** were the late **Dr. Herbert Mark** (professor of medicine at Mount Sinai School of Medicine), the late **Gerald Green** (prominent novelist, television producer and author of *Holocaust*) and the late **J. Robert Chernoff** (sports writer and public relations executive). In adjacent seats in that class also were friends **Ray Robinson** '41 (magazine editor, author of *Lou Gehrig* '23's biography and prominent fundraiser for ALS) and the late **I.A.L. Diamond** '41 (author of four consecutive *Varsity* Shouts and co-author with **Billy Wilder** of several successful Hollywood films, including *Some Like It Hot*). Just a typical random Columbia College class, right?

We send **Stew** and **Marie** congratulations and good wishes for many more happy years together.

As I write these notes, our Columbia basketball team has scored a notable win over the University of Maine-Orono, on December 30, followed by a last-second loss at home, 70-69, to Elon College on January 3. Coach **Kyle Smith** leads the team into Ivy League competition with excellent prospects to finish high in the final standings and a chance to win the championship. By the time this issue of CCT reaches you, March Madness will be imminent and we will know more.

Meanwhile, good wishes to all classmates.

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The Class of 1943 is silent. Let me hear from you. When I do receive

word, the notes always are interesting. We are exceptionally healthy to have lasted this long and still are active in various pursuits. Let me help you get started: Where did you spend Thanksgiving and the December holidays?

My wife and I had a splendid Thanksgiving Day in the Pocono Mountains with my second son and his companion at the opulent and gracious Skytop Lodge. My other son and his daughters were tied up with their own family celebrations. I have known the Lodge for about 80 years because, when I was in grade school, I spent two or three summers in nearby Canadensis, Pa., with my parents and brother.

A few days after Thanksgiving, my wife, Audrey, and I journeyed to Boston for the second time this year to attend medical meetings. We were put up at the fine old Parker House Hotel and were surprised to learn that Ho Chi-Minh of Vietnam had worked there as a pastry cook. We were struck by the many changes for the better the city has undergone in the 60-plus years since our time there as trainees.

We stayed home on Christmas Day. We had had enough traveling for 2010.

Gene Sosin '41, of Radio Liberty fame, kindly wrote to correct my note in the November/December issue. He states, "... you mentioned Harold Dietz '40 as the collaborator with Arthur Schwartz on the lyrics of many famous songs. But the source you quoted was mistaken: It was Howard Dietz, who was born in 1896 and briefly studied journalism at Columbia before going into show biz in the 1920s." Gene goes on to say, "When Howard Dietz joined MCM, he introduced the famous lion logo and the words '*Ar's Gratia Artis*.' These were borrowed from the Columbia *Jester*, which had featured the laughing lion and the Latin expression translated 'art for art's sake' that was based on a 19th-century French poet's writing. Harold ('Hal') Dietz '40, a fraternity brother of mine in Beta Sigma Rho, was a talented actor and played the lead in G.B. Shaw's *Androcles and the Lion* in Milton Smith's Columbia Players dramatic group. Arthur Schwartz also attended Columbia, where he received a master's degree in law. He later teamed up with Howard Dietz to write such enduring songs as *Dancing in the Dark* and *That's Entertainment*." Gene also mentions that he, Gene Sosin, was the co-author of the book and lyrics for the 1942 *Varsity Show*, "Saints Alive."

Sad news: Albert W. Cayot, a sales manager in Boxford, Mass., died on November 22.

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This past Veterans' Day, Albert Burstein '47 was made a Chevalier of the Legion of Honor for his wartime exploits in France. Despite his '47 designation (and graduation), we of '44 really consider Al one of ours and recall his membership on our fabulous freshman basketball team, led by Les Martens '45 and Harry Allison.

Your class correspondent's close junior high buddy Henry Imshaug, who entered Columbia with us in 1940 but after WWII got his degree from Hofstra, passed away just before Thanksgiving. Henry was a retired professor of botany at Michigan State. His earlier research endeavors in Antarctica got the Imshaug Peninsula named after him on that continent.

Another farewell: Harold Polton, long active in North Jersey business before retiring to Florida, left us earlier in 2010.

And now, dear classmates, a fervent appeal: It is fitting that we pay tribute to our friends who have left us, but let's also fill these columns with news about us statistically "old-olds" who are still around. To achieve that means, all of you *please* let me know what you're doing.

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Bill Able is in good health. He retired from work as a breast cancer specialist in 1993 and is enjoying the many pleasures afforded by the sound and the sea, which are easily accessible from his home in East Hampton. He says his high points were his years at Stony Brook and his low points were more recently when rules and regulations became so onerous that he would not suggest medicine as a career for young people, unless they chose some narrow high-tech specialty.

Harry Rhodes has moved to a nursing home in Silver Spring, Md. He has been battling Alzheimer's-type dementia for about six years but recognizes family and reminiscences about Columbia, where he also earned a Ph.D.

Leonard Garr is well except for some gout and a fractured wrist, which is unfortunate for a professional piano player. (He has promised to send me one of his CDs.) Leonard left Columbia to serve in the Air Force, then returned to graduate. He moved to San Francisco 50 years ago and into the apartment where

he still lives. He made a fortune in real estate, so he hasn't had to worry about his "day job" while playing piano in bars. Leonard became upset with Columbia College during the protests of '68. His chief discontent now is with the way the United States is going, with what he calls a ruling plutocracy looking down on an ignorant, uneducated and largely nonvoting electorate.

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Healthcare and Medicare continue to be hot issues in the national debate. I asked Dr. Richard Friedenberg, FACP, professor emeritus of radiology at UC Irvine, to share his thoughts. Dick wrote:

"The drastic changes that have occurred in the practice of medicine started in 1929 in Elk City, Okla., where the first medical cooperative was established to provide medical care through prepaid insurance. In the 1930s and 1940s, several large managed healthcare organizations were formed. Medicare and Medicaid were created in 1965 at a time when politicians were concerned with healthcare, not costs. In 1970, a Minneapolis physician, Paul Ellwood Jr., coined the term 'Health Maintenance Organization,' or HMO, as an alternative to the fee-for-service system.

"I believe that healthcare is a fundamental right of citizenship, the responsibility of government and not a for-profit commodity. Medicaid and Medicare are expensive programs supported by the tax base. Medicaid supports the very poor with low-level healthcare while Medicare supports the elderly with a well-run, well-managed successful program, but overuse has produced excessive costs. The number of examinations and tests has increased, particularly CT and MRI exams, endoscopies and coronary artery exams including stents, dilations and bypasses. The problem is hard to correct unless we are willing to modify our policies and insist on guidelines for diagnosis and treatment that physicians must accept. Politicians have been unwilling to enforce guidelines that would limit costs. Their reluctance is understandable, as every family wants every effort made to cure any sick member, even if the chance for cure is less than 1 percent. Many

doctors hate to admit defeat and will attempt costly and sometimes painful therapies to add a few weeks of life. Almost 50 percent of Medicare funds are spent on the last year of life, often a poor quality of life.

"In the late 1980s and early 1990s, we physicians made a fundamental mistake. We were so busy trying to protect the fee-for-service system that we were not major players in the establishment of managed healthcare policy. We became recipients of the rules established by the entrepreneurs, which in many cases were slanted more toward profit than patient care. In our present system of almost 100 separate plans competing with each other and trying to make a profit, in most cases 25-30 cents of each dollar goes for administrative costs and profit. With appropriate cost-controlling guidelines, Medicare should be able to allocate more than 90 cents of each dollar to healthcare and could be extended to the total population. Most of the developed countries have socialized government supported programs for their entire population, many providing better care than we are. In many cases their costs are less than ours. Medicare, which is working well, could be turned into a single-payer system, although costs must be trimmed.

"What would I like? I would attempt to construct a social program with capitalist fringes. I do not believe the United States is ready for a totally socialized program. I strongly feel that any program must start with a single-payer system supported by tax dollars that will service all of our population and be run by the government. To satisfy those who want diversity and the involvement of private enterprise, I would propose a layered system. The prime layer would be universal coverage, Medicare, with strict guidelines to control costs and some reductions in services that would apply to the total population. Other layers could be added that would be run by insurance companies and would provide options appended to the basic program, allowing for more sophisticated plans for a price. I do

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not feel I am significantly diluting the program with the layered options because these would probably affect less than 20 percent of the population. Enormous savings in total costs would occur from the efficiencies of running a single plan. Additional savings would occur by removing government from all costs incurred by optional plans.

"The cardinal features are that the bulk of our population will be totally supported by universal coverage and that guidelines, which apply equally to all, are necessary to control costs. Although healthcare is important, today jobs, financial security, food on the table and a roof overhead take priority. When these are provided, health care becomes the next essential."

Join the debate. Send me your views for this column.

From Post Falls, Idaho, **John McConnell** sent greetings at the holiday season. He wrote: "Today is Thanksgiving, a day near or below zero degrees and continuing snow. My wife, Pearl, is preparing lunch/dinner with all the fixings for those families and friends who wander in. Grandson Calvin announced that just this morning he had shot a four-point buck. He and his friends are presently skinning the carcass in our back shop."

Then: "Well, we finished a great meal. The deer has reportedly been skinned and is now hanging. Quartering and butchering will follow in a few days, then the freezer to follow from previous seasons, mostly the compliments of Calvin."

John, thanks for giving us this view of life at the McConnell's during the holiday season. Sorry this didn't appear in an earlier CCT, but we submit well in advance of publication.

Dr. **Alan Berman**, in Crown Point, Ind., replied to my letter announcing the Saturday, June 4, celebration of the 65th anniversary of our class, saying he had a long-term interest in actuarial data. When told the class began with 425 men and that we number 194 at last count, Alan wrote: "It is remarkable. Based on current American mortality tables, I would have predicted the number of survivors would have been 118. Although I am in good health and still rather active, my computer tells me that at my age I only have a 94.4 percent probability of survival next June (written December 3)."

Alan, if the survival probability holds true, potentially 183 men (not counting wives and friends) can turn up at our reunion. It would be wonderful, and I can only hope. Details about our celebration are en route to all. Block out June 4 on your calendars for attending the

luncheon at Columbia in celebration of our 65th anniversary.

On a sad note, I report the passing of **Wayne J. Hallenbeck** of Mansfield, Ohio.

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Albert Burstein was made a Chevalier of the Legion of Honor for his wartime exploits in France.

The Class of '47 is looking for a class correspondent to write a bimonthly column for *Columbia College Today*. If you want an open platform and a chance to reconnect with classmates, please contact Associate Editor Ethan Rouen '04 at ecr2102@columbia.edu. Until then, please send notes about your life, thoughts, travel, family and experiences at Columbia to the address at the top of the column.

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CCT welcomes **Eric Schellin** as the new Class of '48 correspondent. Classmates are encouraged to send notes to him at the postal or e-mail address above.

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The New Year has arrived. The old one left its mark on the city with near-record snowfall. It brought to mind the storm in 1948 that laid a thick blanket across the city. I recall a small but stalwart group of Columbia College Players, of whom I was one, seizing the opportunity to take the subway downtown and find available seats at a hit play on Broadway. So few ticket holders could make their way to town, we were able to get good seats and enjoy Judy Holiday, Paul Douglas and Gary Merrill in *Born Yesterday* at (I hope my memory is correct) the Lyceum Theatre. I remember skis in the coat check room!

After the show, we wandered around and watched horse-drawn sleighs gliding up and down Fifth Avenue.

Since the last writing, I received several notes from **Basil Shanahan** with his thoughts and concerns regarding the plight of the "new kids," the Class of 2014, their initial impressions and reactions to the campus, and the extraordinary

event represented by their arrival and the commencement of their Columbia College years. His reflections seemed to echo my own in the sense of understanding how those first "moments" set the tone for the coming days and months that determine how they will grapple with the wonderful four years to come.

Once again, the note from **Bill Lubic** lights up my inbox, and just in time for this writing.

"You all:

"A note at the beginning of the New Year.

"Appropriate to those among us acknowledging our octogenarianism, I noted the op-ed page of *The New York Times* of December 31, wherein appeared a respectful reference to our own (now departed) **Bob Butler**.

"Having been asked about the premise that the age of 90 might well become the age of 50, he replied: '... A scientist always hopes for a big breakthrough.

"The trouble with expecting 90 to be the new 50 is it can stop rational discussion (on a societal as well as individual level) about how to make 90 a better 90.

"This fantasy is a lot like waiting for Prince Charming, in that it doesn't distinguish between hope and reasonable expectation."

"I think those of us who can appreciate these practiced words of wisdom from our classmate are deserving of some sort of major award."

As you read this in March, we will have survived whatever more the winter has brought to test our mettle, and spring is soon to come. Let me hear from you and know with certainty your notes are welcome. And think forward to Dean's Day (Saturday, June 4) and another chance to gather on campus.

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Rudy Weingartner has completed and published what he calls "a nutty little book" devoted to the idea of helping writers of short stories to get a start. The book, published by University Press of America, is *What's the Story? Try Your Hand at Fiction and Learn the Art of Writing*. It consists of 20 characters with a descriptive paragraph for each, all in different places and at different times, and all wittily illustrated. A detailed look at the book, and a review of it, can be found at univpress.com/isbn/076185276x. Rudy has another writing project under way, this one at the request of the publisher of a book he wrote in the

early '90s, *Fitting Form to Function: A Primer on the Organization of Academic Institutions*. His task now is to bring it up to date for a revised edition.

Sadly, we have two deaths to report. **Joachim (Joe) Adamczyk** of Madison, N.J., died in January. **Desmond J. Nunan Sr.** of Ocean City, N.J., died last May.

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By now, all members of the class have been contacted by mail, phone and e-mail regarding our 60th Alumni Reunion Weekend, to be held on the Morningside campus and throughout New York City Thursday, June 2-Sunday, June 5. Additional information appeared in the previous issue of this magazine. Questions about the reunion can be answered by Jennifer Freely, assistant director of alumni affairs, at 212-851-7438 or jf2261@columbia.edu. The last step is to sign up and attend and have a great weekend.

You may recall that we are going to publish a Class of 1951 *Reunion Yearbook and Directory*. This is the final call for information. The page size is 8 1/2" x 11" and will be divided to provide four photos and biographies per page, each 3 1/2" wide x 5" tall. Even if you are not planning to attend the reunion festivities, please send class correspondent **George Koplinka** a photo and bio. Be creative!

Here is some news about classmates. In June, **Nathan Kase** will give a ceremonial address to Yale's Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology and Reproductive Sciences, where he spent some 20 years, with 10 years as department chair, before coming to the Mount Sinai School of Medicine. Congratulations, Nathan, as you participate in this special event at Yale. By the way, in his recent e-mail, Nathan indicated that his eagerness to attend our 60th reunion was prompted "by his lifelong indebtedness to the College for its ability to convert a schoolyard urchin from Brooklyn into someone who could read and write effectively."

Two sad notes: **Mary Jo Kloeze**man notified us that her father, **Robert J. Archer**, passed away on September 4. Robert attended GSAS, received a Ph.D. in 1954 and

continued his career with Hewlett-Packard. He lived in Portola Valley, Calif. **Jerome K. Chase** died on October 29. A resident of Wayland, Mass., Jerry was president and chairman of the Ford dealership in Framingham.

Martin Katz sends news and best wishes from both Freehold, N.J., and Puerto Rico. The retired professor and his wife, Olga, are looking forward to visiting nieces and nephews in Colombia this winter before attending our 60th reunion in June. *Muchos saludos, Marty.*

Michael W. Mangino recently passed his 85th birthday. Congratulations, Mike! We remember your WWII naval experiences and your distinguished career with the nation's moon exploration programs. Perhaps of equal importance was your comment years ago that "Much of the knowledge that I gained from Columbia's Core Curriculum has been passed on to my four children in our many discussions throughout their education years. I now get feedback from them on many contemporary and diverse issues and ideas."

B. James Lowe plans to be with us for the big reunion but admits that two knee operations and some lingering effects of his asbestos poisoning from years of exposure during his shipbuilding years have slowed him down. Jim has asked

Leonard A. Stoehr to assume responsibility for the NROTC participation in the reunion activities. Jim completed an up-to-date listing of surviving NROTC CC '51 members. There are currently 21 survivors, and Len, with help from his wife, Jan, is exchanging information to see if all of them can help to make the 60th a memorable reunion. A big thank you is due to both Jim and Len for their loyalty to the Navy and to Columbia College.

Larry Malkin, before his retirement as a correspondent for *Time* magazine, wrote that years ago, *The New York Times* employed him indirectly as the New York bureau chief of the *International Herald Tribune*. Now his daughter is employed by the *Times* as a correspondent in Mexico City. Small world! Larry hopes to vacation in May at his home in Spain.

Quick note: **Gonzalo Pardo** hopes to come to the reunion. He acquired a D.D.S. from NYU but is equally proud of his wife, Winifred, whom he met at UCA in Earl Hall, for celebrating her 60th birthday anniversary last June.

Please note this new e-mail address for **Dave Berman**: sberman@verizon.net.

Here is an update on Columbia's expansion plans to the north of the present site. As reported in *The New York Times* on December 14, New

York courts and the U.S. Supreme Court (by refusing to hear an appeal from an objector) have given approval for New York State to use eminent domain to take property for Columbia's new 17-acre adjunct campus. Seventeen new buildings for science, business and arts education and faculty housing will be built north of West 125th Street. In his message to the Columbia community, Columbia President Lee C. Bollinger proclaimed, "For anyone who cares about creating new knowledge and conveying the knowledge we have to the next generation, as well as being engaged in the seemingly endless challenges facing our global society, there is no better place to be than here at Columbia."

Planning a reunion incorporates substantial expenses for all kinds of things too numerous to detail here. Whether or not you plan to attend, please send a contribution to **Willard Block**, class treasurer. Every check for \$25 helps a lot. Make your check payable to Columbia College Class of '51C Reunion and send to Willard at 54 Cornwall Ln., Sandy's Point, NY 11050-1345.

Also, please note the correct address for your correspondent is at the top of this column. Inadvertently, some mail has been going to Vermont, where I only vacation in the summer. Keep in touch. There is a lot happening!

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"Beware the Ides of March" was the famous warning by the soothsayer to Julius Caesar on his way to a Roman Senate meeting in 44 B.C. Caesar, as you know, was assassinated. Therefore, this admonition incorporates a dangerous and dark foreboding of things to come.

However, the ides of March was actually just another day of the year. The ides was simply a division of the Roman calendar based on the phases of the moon. The ides was the 15th day in March, May, July and October and the 13th day in the other months.

March has more positive things to offer. There is St. Patrick's Day, the beginning of Daylight Savings Time and the beginning of spring. March is a month of rebirth and renewal of life. Don't let the ides frighten you.

Ralph Holcomb has been happily retired amid the sand dunes and shrub oaks of eastern Long Island for the past 15 years. Ralph spent most of his career in book publishing, associated with companies including McGraw-Hill, John Wiley and Van Nostrand Reinhold, where

he was v.p. in charge of advertising and promotion. He and Ruth, his wife of more than 50 years, have three daughters: Laurie, a nurse, Robin, a teacher, and Susan, an artist. One of their five grandchildren, Jacob, was married in a military wedding in June.

Dudley Ferris sent the following: "I've read messages in CCT from others of my class, but not one rings a bell. It was a large class! Now it's about time I say a few words as to my whereabouts and what I've been doing. But to start off, I must say, I've always resented that Dwight Eisenhower was president of our university when we were freshmen but left in our senior year without signing our diplomas. Who was Grayson Kirk? I always meant to send Eisenhower my diploma and ask him to sign it. Would I have obtained his signature? I should have tried. He wasn't a bad president for a Republican!"

"I was in the tail end of the Korean War and was a war correspondent trying to dig up stories for soldiers' hometown newspapers. In Korea, I fibbed about being a journalist and that lie probably saved my life, for I was trained in heavy weapons but deposited in a regiment behind the war zone."

"I'm still married after 53 years and have spent 30 years in education, secondary and junior college. It's been an ideal existence compared with the stress and strain of many in business, medicine and law. My four children are all married and provided my wife, Jean, and me with 14 grandchildren.

After celebrating my 80th birthday in London with a return trip across the Atlantic, my children, from different parts of the country, surprised me by turning up at Keens Steakhouse in NYC. It was the biggest surprise of my life. For three days, we were happily together as a family of yore without spouses or children.

"I've lived and taught in Japan many times, and I travel about the world often."

"I live in Scottsdale, Ariz., but return to New York City twice a year for museums, theaters and concerts. My wife and I always return to the Columbia neighborhood for old time's sake. She lived on West 104th Street off West End Avenue. I met her on a blind date. I contribute to the Columbia crew, as I went out for crew as a freshman for a few months but had to give it up as I commuted. I regret that choice. I became a Fiji in my last years at Columbia and donate to Phi Gamma Delta for the wonderful experience I had with my fraternity brothers."

"Now I have measured out my life with a few words. For those who

remember me, write to dudjean@juno.com. And for those I never met, who knows what I've lost? Godspeed!"

This from **Jack Edwards**: "My main contact with Columbia is through CCT and a number of classmates. Your call, Sid, and a conversation with **Cliff Simpson** in New York City, prompted me to get back into print. Cliff recently suffered a heart attack and now is at home after protracted hospital stays and a long rehabilitation. He received a call from **Arnie Martin**, who lives in the San Diego area. Cliff is doing well and welcomes calls from old friends. Arnie is retired after a career in real estate and an entrepreneurial venture in furniture manufacturing."

"My life since leaving Columbia has been peripatetic: five years in the Navy during the Korean conflict, three on sea duty in the Atlantic and Mediterranean after graduating from OCS and two in Naval Intelligence with a counterintelligence unit in the Pentagon. I attended law school at Georgetown and joined an MIT think tank in Washington, D.C. I became increasingly involved in war gaming and consulting at the Pentagon. I left the defense consulting business and joined the Polaroid Corp. in its heyday as v.p., information systems. I returned to government during the second term of the Nixon administration as a senior executive in the Treasury Department. These were tough times in the Washington, D.C., scene. Like many of my friends, I returned to private industry. I spent the balance of my career as a senior executive at several major corporations before retiring as s.v.p. at Household International in the Chicago area."

"I moved to a tiny seaside town in Rhode Island where I have lived ever since, with my wife of 57 years. I took up teaching as an avocation at the University of Massachusetts, giving core curriculum courses on science topics to adults in the continuing education program. I still teach."

"None of my three sons attended Columbia. Among them, I have an attorney (litigator), a geologist who runs his own oil and gas exploration company and an investment banker who lives in London."

"My recollections of all this experience dim with age. I wonder if this is true for us all as the years pass. I am looking forward to our 60th reunion and joining my co-survivors for a celebration."

Thank you all for your contributions. I am in Florida now, but my e-mail address remains the same. My telephone number is 561-498-7888. Please feel free to call or send updates via e-mail. Best regards from your reporter.



Members of the Class of 1956 and Alumni Office staff gathered at the Columbia Alumni Center in December to prepare for their 55th reunion. Taking part were (top row, left to right) Peter Klein '56, '62; Bob Siroty '56; and Jerry Fine '56; and (bottom row, left to right) Len Wolfe '56; Kimberly Peterson, director, College events and programs; Stephen Easton '56; and Paul Staller, director, class giving.

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Talking to Bill Froesch by telephone, I learned that our classmate still is vigorously active as an emeritus professor of psychiatry at Cornell. For many decades, Bill was the vice chairman of the department and after he retired, they hired him back to perform various administrative duties. In addition, he spends one or two days a month at Rockefeller University, where he serves on a committee to evaluate whether various proposed psychiatric research projects involving human beings are safe enough to be pursued. Bill told me that learning new things about ongoing science projects makes him feel young.

He still is enthusiastically playing his oboe, and as a matter of fact, he plays in a quintet, a trio and a duo. Every so often they give concerts. Bill believes that playing the oboe forces him to concentrate on the music and clears his head. He and Paula were married in December 1953. They have two children who are doctors who are married to doctors, and they have four grandchildren. "All is well!" Bill told me. He and Paula are hoping to attend our 60th reunion.

Gus Fulk is another of our still "hard working" classmates. For the last 50 years, Gus has been advising people in Little Rock, Ark. on how to make money in the options business. He and his wife, Anne, have a daughter and three sons. Interestingly enough, he and his daughter work together. "I'm afraid to quit," Gus told me. "I might get bored." He's given up playing tennis, however, he runs 2 1/4 miles

every day. As an undergraduate, Gus used to hitchhike to Vassar to see Anne. When I expressed amazement at his hitchhiking ability, he told me, "Hitchhiking to Vassar was nothing. I used to hitchhike back and forth to Little Rock."

Unfortunately, three of our classmates have passed away.

Richard Deets, who was a Sachem, a member of Alpha Delta Phi and a member of the varsity wrestling team, died in March 2010. His wife, Annelly, told me by phone that Dick worked as a financial consultant until the day he died. He also continued to be an active wrestling coach and mentor to Atlanta's inner city youth. His goal was to help prepare inner-city teens for college and life beyond college.

John Valuska, who was a varsity football player, died in December 2004. He had been the president of Mingo Bank, which was a small-town bank in Mingo Junction, Ohio. He and Shirley were married in June 1953 and had four children, three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Philip Wilson, who died in July 2004, will be remembered as a hard-working member of the varsity crew. He and Mary were married in June 1954 and had six children, seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild. In 1993, Phil retired from the Moore Business Firm company. However, after spending four months living the life of a new retiree, Phil and a friend founded a new small candy business, Elegance Confections. Via mail order, they sold personalized chocolate candy favors across the country. In our 50th reunion directory, Phil wrote, "Looking back on my life and career, I have few regrets and mostly gratitude for: choice of parents,

choice of college, choice of wife and children (the youngest of which, Peter, graduated from the College in 1986) and choice of career. I do regret how swiftly my five years at Columbia flew past. Had I had a benefactor, I think I would have become a professional student."

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Things have been very happy since my recent wedding. I was so pleased that a day after our wedding, my wife, Deborah, and I were able to get together with **Herb Wittow** and his lovely wife, Sandra. They were visiting friends in San Diego whose marriage coincided with ours.

Brian Tansey is divinely active in Cincinnati. I am certain that other classmates have been active and would like to share their experiences. Please drop me a note.

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A bevy of activity has been taking place on the Columbia campus and beyond during the past several months. The school decided its new interdisciplinary science and engineering building, better known as the Northwest Corner Building, on West 120th Street and Broadway in December. In addition, now on track to reach its original \$4 billion goal nearly a year early, the University has extended the current campaign to support its mission of teaching, research, patient care and public service, with a new goal of \$5 billion by the end of 2013. Late last year, city officials from around the world, including Mayor Michael Bloomberg and Joel Klein '67 (before he stepped down as chancellor of the NYC Board of Education) discussed innovative ways to meet the challenges of managing public schools in the 21st century. It's always gratifying to hear what others have to say when speaking on the school's campus.

Manhattanville is moving ahead with great alacrity. Among the various issues, Columbia worked with Dinosaur BBQ to coordinate a new home for the popular restaurant on West 125th Street. Reservations are definitely necessary. In Park City, Utah, Columbia's creative achievements were celebrated at the 2011 Sundance Film Festival at a Columbia event hosted by Carol Becker, dean of faculty, School of the Arts, and Donna MacPhee '89, v.p.

of alumni relations and president of the Columbia Alumni Association. Traveling further west, Dean Michele Moody-Adams made her annual pilgrimage to Los Angeles and San Francisco, where she was received royally by alumni and friends in these areas. Coming up in late May is a special visit to Barcelona that will feature key Columbia faculty. This exciting trip will include an exploration of the art, architecture and history of this acclaimed Spanish seaport. Other tours coming up will be Israel: Timeless Wonders — a visit to Tel Aviv, Upper Galilee, Tiberias and Jerusalem; and Journey of Odysseus: Retracing the Odyssey Through the Ancient Mediterranean. Put your Humanities/CC knowledge to work up close and in person.

What is happening with our class, you may ask? **Harold Kushner** had the privilege of being one of 300 invited to the White House by the President to be part of Jewish American Heritage Week. Harold, who has written 12 books, met ex-Brooklynite Sandy Koufax, one of the highlights of the program. We heard from **Al Momjian**, who is involved in activities other than lawyering in Philadelphia — honor-ary consul, Republic of Haiti; board member, Disciplinary Board of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania; and v.p. of the First Regiment Infantry of Pennsylvania (referred to as "Major"). Al's biggest achievement: He has been married for 51 years.

When the Columbia men's basketball team traveled to Washington, D.C., to play American (and won by 2 points), we espied **Lew Mendelson** cheering on the boys in blue. **Don Laufer** has been doing a splendid job in coordinating the class dinners where, from time to time, we see **Anthony Viscusi**, **Allen Hyman**, **Dick Kuhn** and **Marty Dubner**, among others. Other '55ers we are looking for are **Peter Pressman**, **Steve Rabin** and **Bob Bernot**. (Maybe we can convince **Bob Schoenfeld** to come in from Long Island for one of the happenings.) With the increase in applications to the College and Engineering, **Larry Balfus** has been putting in major hours in the alumni interviewing process covering Nassau County.

Affinity groups have become an important part of alumni activities at reunions. The Marching Band, led "way back when" by **Elliot Gross** and **Herb Gardner**, is looking forward to the June get-together. Following up on the success of the various singing groups last June, we hope to see former Glee Club members **Stu Kaback** (New Jersey) and **Mike Pybas** (Dallas) return. Stu and Mike also were members of the Notes and Keys, as was **Bob Teichman** (Sausalito,

Calif.). **Bill Kronick** (of Hollywood fame) was a former member of the Gilbert & Sullivan Society and now is a film and TV writer and director. The famous Kingsmen were well-represented as undergrads by **Mike Lipitzin** (North Carolina) and **Jim Amlicke** (Beaufort, S.C.). Jim, for those who don't remember, was an outstanding swimmer, along with **Peter Martin**, **Wally Previ**, **Al Sacknoff** and **Burnell Stripling**.

The school's radio station celebrated its 70th anniversary in late February. For those in our class who couldn't make it, your loyal correspondent will send you any written material on the history of the station. Key personnel from our class were **Doug Lasher** (Lakeview, N.J.), **Peter Oden** (Ossining, N.Y.), **Henry Roth** (Bethesda, Md.), **Harvey Greenberg** (Haji lives on the fashionable West Side in Manhattan) and **Guy Kevin Whitfield** (Cambridge). Add **Harold Kushner** to this list, and you'll see why the station became so popular.

Don McDonough called us recently looking for the whereabouts of **Michael Standard** and wanted to wish everyone a Happy New Year. Don, we will do our best to track down our lawyer friend.

Some sad news to report, the passing of two of our classmates: **Bede Sullivan** in Washington, D.C., and **Gary Berry** in Westlake Village, Calif. Our sympathy goes out to their family and friends.

My nearest and dearest classmates, be proud of what Columbia has been achieving not only in academic leadership but also in athletics as well (yes, that is true). Come back to the campus. The students are the best, the faculty is second to none. Don't wait for the 60th to see what is going on at one of the leading schools in the world. We all helped lay the foundation for one of the finest institutions in the world. Be part of it! Love to all, everywhere!

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As I write this, we are buried in almost a foot of snow, the third storm of the season in the New York area. My wife, Elke, and I missed the first one, as we were on a cruise through the Caribbean. However, the fates have repaid us.

I hope that by the time you read this, the winter weather is well past, and we can look forward to spring weather and the return of many of our classmates from their Florida or other warm-weather vacation retreats. In that vein, **Don Roth** will host a Tuesday, March 8, get-together of our Florida alumni at his club, Ibis Golf and Country Club, in West Palm Gardens, Fla. Helping him to organize this event were **Danny Link**, **Lou Hemminger** and **Mike Spett**. Based on prior year's events, we were looking forward to a good turnout.

Our last class luncheon was held at Faculty House, on the Columbia campus, on December 15. The food, service and ambience were excellent, so I encourage all to make it back to the campus for our bi-monthly luncheons. Attending, in addition to me, were **Mark Novick**, **Ron Kapon**, **Peter Klein**, **Len Wolfe**, **Maurice Klein**, **Bob Sirotky** and **Al Franco** '56E. After lunch, we walked to Casa Italiana. The library, on the fourth floor, is where we are planning to have our Saturday afternoon Alumni Reunion Lunch. The space is air conditioned, warmly appointed and accommodating for the 80 or so alumni and their spouses and significant others we anticipate will attend. Our remaining lunch party was joined by **Jerry Fine**, and we all met with Alumni Office staff members **Kimberly Peterson**, director of College events and programs, and **Paul Staller**, director of class giving (see photo) for a 55th reunion planning session. The plan was for the 55th Alumni Reunion Weekend schedule to be finalized in early February and notices to go out in early March.

A number of classmates gathered at the Francis S. Levien Gymnasium on January 15 to watch Columbia start its Ivy League schedule by defeating Cornell in a very satisfying game for Columbia, which held off a late Cornell rally. It was gratifying to see so many of our classmates honored in the Columbia program as having earned basketball letters, such as **Herb Kutlow**, **Charlie Brown**, **Tom Levine** and **Fred Lane**, along with **Frank Thomas**, who captained the team in our senior year. Lots of good memories.

Class news: **Al Poussaint**, who like myself and about 35 other classmates, is a Stuyvesant H.S. graduate, was awarded the 2010 Herbert W. Nickens Award by the Association of Medical Colleges for his work in psychiatry. He also is one of our class' most active authors, writing or co-writing more than five books, including one in 2007 with **Bill Cosby**. I look forward to seeing Al at our 55th.

Alan Press, who writes regularly



It may have been cold and icy on campus, but in Long Beach, Calif., in December (front row, left to right) Ken Silvers '57, Gene Wagner '57, Ken Bodenstein '57 and Mike Gold '57, and (back row, left to right) Lew Schainuck '57, Herb Sturman '57, John Taussig '57, Jonathan Lubin '57 and John Ahouse '57 enjoyed the sun during an informal reunion.

for *The Insurance Forum*, has a recent article on some of the abuses of two major insurance companies taking advantage of recruits and policyholders in charges and fees without full disclosure. Interesting stuff.

Giora Ben-Horin, who lives in Scottsdale, Ariz., has had a successful career in the real estate investment business. He has turned the running of the business to his children but was helpful to me recently regarding a question that I had on a property that I was involved in. Thank you, Ben.

Reunion news and events: Our 55th Alumni Reunion Weekend will be Thursday, June 2-Sunday, June 5. Thursday will be for meeting and greeting and for classmates who want to make an extended weekend of it. There will be available theater tickets to shows that otherwise may not be available, so those interested should start planning now. Friday night, we are planning a get-together, a wine tasting provided by **Ron Kapon** together with a buffet dinner and some form of entertainment. Saturday will be Dean's Day, with choices of lectures given by Columbia faculty. As a reunion class, we do not pay for lectures even though we share Dean's Day with the whole College. For all of us who have come to like and look forward to Dean's Day, this gives us a double dose, so let's take advantage of it. Saturday also will feature a lunch at Casa Italiana with, we hope, an appearance by **Dean Michele Moody-Adams**, and a cocktail party and formal dinner.

I am working with the Alumni Office as to the cost, which I pledged to make reasonable. There is a 10 percent discount for registering by Sunday, May 1.

Len Wolfe, our class historian, has written the following observations on our 55th: "For the past several months, a good friend and I were discussing our upcoming 55th college reunions and how we were looking forward to returning to campus to see old friends and enjoy the company of classmates

we see all too rarely. My friend graduated from Yale in 1956.

"[As I write this,] two days ago I attended his memorial service along with several of his classmates, who were as shocked and saddened as I was at his sudden and unexpected passing. He had been an alternate on the Yale crew that represented the United States and won Olympic gold in 1956 and was the picture of good health and someone we all felt would outlive us all.

"My point is that life is short, and we can't always expect that there will be a next time to do those things we hope to do.

"If Columbia didn't mean much to you when you were a student then there is no reason to read any more of what I have to say. But if it did, and if the friendships you made during those four important years that shaped and developed you are ones you cherish and appreciate, you might want to consider coming back this spring.

"Reunion isn't just about reminiscing about football games and parties we attended so many years ago. It is an opportunity to revisit the place that molded and developed us as bright and enthusiastic young men, a place that prepared us so well for the challenging new world that lay ahead of us. Reunion provides us with an opportunity to remember not only who we were but also to recognize and appreciate who and what we've become.

"I've attended every reunion since graduation and have thoroughly enjoyed each one. I hope that there will be many more reunions I'll have the pleasure of attending, but at this stage of the game I'm not about to assume that a next time is something I can count on.

"I'll be there and I hope you will be, too."

College fundraising activity: As of the end of the year we had raised, through contributions and pledges, \$85,000 toward our goal of \$150,000 for Fiscal Year 2011, which ends Thursday, June 30. As your class president, I am enjoying every

one of you to do as much as you can to make our goal a reality.

I hope this is a year where the stock market continues its recent rise, our 401ks are getting back to better than ever and our feeling about giving to Columbia increase with our age. It also will be a continued blessing to the students whom we support.

I again ask all class members who want to keep in touch to update their e-mail addresses by contacting **Lou Hemmerding** at hemmer@aol.com. This seems to be the best way to stay in touch with the majority of our class members. Please keep in contact with Columbia in whatever ways you feel appropriate, as I believe that it has been a force and power in our lives.

Until my next column, wishing that the winter snows subside, Columbia teams keep winning, and health and good fortune find all our class members.

If you have news to share, please e-mail me at tbai18000@earthlink.net, and I will make sure it gets in a future Class Notes column.

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Martin Brothers noted, "A '57 luncheon was scheduled for March 3 in the Columbia Alumni Center. More information will follow in the May/June issue. As of this writing, the list of expected attendees was as follows: **Bob Lipsyte**, presenter; **Sal Franchino**; **Stanley Barnett**; **Alvin Kasse**; **Paul Zola**; **Arthur Meyerson**; **Joe Diamond**; **Larry Boes**; **Mike Lipper**; **Carlos Muñoz**; **Alan Rosen**; **Bob Klipstein**; **Mark Stanton**; **Al Fierro**; **David Kinne** and **Martin Brothers**."

Mac Gimse, professor emeritus of art, St. Olaf College, Dundas, Minn., reports: "Six classmates came to KCB Gallery (West Chelsea district, NYC) in November to visit and see and hear my sculpture exhibit and poetry. It was very exciting to visit with them after more than 50 years, and they were kindly receptive to my art and poetry. Each had comments about what they witnessed here, as is customary among Columbians." The classmates were **Stanley Barnett**, **Joe Diamond**, **Sal Franchino**, **Steve Fybish**, **Steve Ronai** and **Ed Weinstein**. **Steve Ronai** brought a friend, **Otto G. Obermeier**, a former U.S. attorney for the Southern District of New York.

Steve Ronai tells us, "I can attest to Mac's wonderful and diverse talent; he is a noted sculptor who accompanied each of his works, devoted to love and peace, by a

wonderful work of his complementary poetry." A Google search of Mac will reveal some of his poetry. He reports that a "recording studio in Wisconsin is putting together a CD of my recitations and images, which they plan to release this spring."

Mac continues to show his deep appreciation of his Columbia experience: "Lionel Trilling's 25's *The Liberal Imagination* challenged me in the 1950s to tackle subjects larger than myself. Columbia invested me with the notion that I should dedicate my life's work to the supra-mundane. I was a graduate student in philosophy when I secretly did a pencil portrait of my wife, Jackie, for our first anniversary. Immediately, she encouraged me to take an art course, so at age 27 I dropped everything and studied art. Forty-eight years later, art and poetry are still pouring out of me."

"St. Olaf asked me to take NYC alumni on a lecture tour of the Collection of Asian Art at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, so 35 of them came, and we had a wonderful morning together. I'd love to do that with the Class of '57 next time. Then I could go on Dr. David Kinne's doozey tour of the Met. There is so much to do."

Gene Wagner: "December 18 was the fifth Class of '57 Columbia College luncheon held in Long Beach, Calif. Present were **Ken Silvers**, **Gene Wagner**, **Ken Bodenstein**, **Mike Gold**, **Lew Schainick**, **Herb Sturman**, **John Taussig**, **Jonathan Lubin** and **John Ahouse**. [See photo.]

"Mike Gold, who has experience as a committee chairman in state politics, prepared an agenda for discussion that was both challenging and fulfilling. Essentially, the idea was to facilitate discussion rather than allowing 'the more verbally aggressive of us to take up too much of our limited time. I suggest Gene or John serve as moderator and call on each of us going around the table to say what's on our mind before opening up the discussion generally. People should be encouraged to bring up any topic, comment on the comments of others or both." Mike then suggested a number of topics, including '57's political evolution since graduation, how well President Barack Obama '83 is performing, economic stimulus, healthcare legislation, taxes, the START treaty, Afghanistan, Don't Ask, Don't Tell, and predicting the 2012 presidential election.

"We all agreed that we were apologetic in our undergraduate years at Columbia and were now concerned for the future of our country."

"For that reason, we have all taken positions today from various political spectrums. We are all de-

sirous to help make a better future for those who come after us."

Gene then reported that "Paul Frommer" was in town so **John Taussig**, **Ken Bodenstein** and I had a nice lunch with him on December 30 at Parkers Lighthouse in Long Beach.

"Paul is retired and living in Alexandria, Va., and celebrating his 75th birthday."

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We are sorry to report the deaths of three classmates.

George Weinstein died on December 19. He is survived by his wife, Lorna; daughters, Andrea and Pam; and two grandchildren. Born in Vienna, George came to the United States as a child and later attended Stuyvesant H.S. He earned a B.S. in electrical engineering, worked for ITT and RCA, and helped found one of the first software companies to go public. He eventually embarked on his final career, as a financial adviser (at which, based on your reporter's having worked with him, he excelled; he was remarkably knowledgeable and diligent). George, who lived in Wyckoff, N.J., was a man of many interests. He was a bridge Life Master, a world traveler (he and Lorna especially enjoyed cruises) and a Civil War buff. At his funeral, his daughters did mention his one unkind act: He used to accompany them to Columbia football games!

Retired Col. **Donald Festa**, a career military officer, died on October 14. A native of Paterson, N.J., Don graduated from Eastern Military Academy, enlisted in the Air Force and was a radar operator in the Korean War for four years. Upon his return, Don entered the College, then enlisted in the Marines. He graduated first in his class, with the rank of second lieutenant, from the Marine Corps training center. He received a Bronze Star for outstanding leadership during a conflict in the Dominican Republic. In 1966, Don landed with the Ninth Marines in Vietnam, where he was based behind enemy lines, and returned with the Gallantry Cross, Purple Heart and Silver Star. His later assignments included the Pentagon, as strategic planning officer and later as senior war planning officer for the Marine Corps; operations officer for NATO stationed in Denmark; and senior planning officer for the U.S. Pacific Command Center in Okinawa. Don earned a master's in accounting from the U.S. Army War College. He retired from the Marine Corps in 1989 and

lived in Oakland, N.J., at his death.

John Rothschild died on November 4. He was a cardiologist practicing in Manhattan. John had been affiliated with Mount Sinai Hospital from the start of his career, first with his internship, then joining the faculty as an attending physician. The medical school recently created the John J. Rothschild Visiting Master Clinician Lectureship to honor him as a "model clinician-teacher." John is survived by his wife, Barbara; and their daughter, Juliet.

Turning to happier news, congratulations to **Carol and Art Freeman** on the marriage of their daughter Susan '00 to **Gabriel Kaufman**. Susan earned a master's in social studies education from Teachers College. She teaches history to middle and high school students at Winston Preparatory School in Manhattan and is dean of student life and coordinator of the history department. Her husband is the associate publisher for marketing and sales of Bearport Publishing in Manhattan, which publishes nonfiction books for children; he also is the author of five children's books. Art and Carol are retired. Art was the director of interagency affairs in the State Department's Bureau of Information Management, supervising international telecommunications policies and programs involving American embassies and foreign governments. Carol was a staff lawyer at the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia, advising judges on cases that involved parties without lawyers. They also have a son, Peter '96. Joan and **Mark Weiss** and **Clara and David Landoner** were guests at the wedding.

Penny Vann makes his debut as a contributor to this column. After graduation from the College, he reports, "I received a B.S. and an M.S. in civil engineering from the Engineering School. Then, after a few years in private practice and the armed forces, I received a Ph.D. in civil engineering from Rice in 1966. I taught at Rice for several years and then for 32 years at Texas Tech University here in Lubbock. I retired from Tech as a professor emeritus in 2004."

Penny has received several honors for his accomplishments, including the John A. Focht Jr. Citizen Engineer Award for community service from the Texas Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers. Most recently, in November, a former student endowed a Texas Tech scholarship in Penny's name. He continues, "I have not gotten back to the campus very many times, but I did for the Friday class reunion dinner in 2008 and then on September 26 of this year for the annual baseball team alumni reunion at the new baseball field. My swing

was way out of calibration, though. I missed every pitch in batting practice and in the game!"

Our eloquent class language maven, **George Jochnowitz**, appeared in *The New York Times*, but on the features page rather than his accustomed spot among the Letters to the Editor. In a piece by reporter Sam Roberts, "Unlearning to Tawk Like a New Yorker," George said that despite the resonant local accents used on TV by fictional characters Edith Bunker and Tony Soprano, and actress Fran Drescher, and the lyrics of a 1946 classic, "Who is de toughest goil in dis whole world? Mottle from Thoidy-Thoid and Thoid," "that [accent] has vanished without a trace." George is a professor emeritus of linguistics at CUNY's College of Staten Island. Nevertheless, the article concluded that enough of the classic city tone lingers to provide plenty of work for "New York accent reduction" specialists.

Roger Castiglione remains active in retirement. For the last two years, he has been teaching English at the Berlitz Language Center in Ridgewood, N.J. His recent students have included business professionals from 12 countries. Roger is a trustee of the Aviation Hall of Fame and Museum in Teterboro, N.J., where he keeps in touch with other aviation history buffs.

The Class Lunch is held on the second Wednesday of every month in the Grill Room of the Princeton/Columbia Club, 15 W. 43rd St. (\$31 per person). E-mail **Art Radin** if you plan to attend, up to the day before: aradin@radinclass.com.

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Our classmates have been busy, and most of the news, but not all, has been good.

Pat Mullins sent an interesting essay that must wait to be printed in its entirety, but he passed on some sad news. "The past 16 months have been some of the most interesting, exciting and depressing times in my life. In June, I lost Jackie, my bride of nearly 47 years. We had been told this spring that she had three months to three years to live and while we were mentally prepared for her loss, you are never fully emotionally prepared."

David R. McNutt writes, "I'm pleased to say that we are well and very happy in Santa Cruz, Calif., living among the redwoods near the base of the Santa Cruz Mountains. Yes, only eight miles from the San Andreas Fault, but also only

four miles from the beautiful ocean beaches!

"My wife of 41 years, Kristen, and I relocated to Santa Cruz from the Chicago area in 2000, accompanied by our two mini-Schnauzers, Hansel and Gretel. I was 'retired' at that time and happened to see a job posting for health officer / medical services director of the Santa Cruz County Health Services Agency / Health Department. The Santa Cruz attraction was based in part on pleasant memories from a week spent at a national public health training event at the Santa Cruz Chaminade Resort & Spa in 1994, and we were married while in our fellowships in San Francisco and Berkeley in 1969. We had fallen in love with each other ... and with the Bay Area! So I applied for the position and was hired. The position provided administrative and medical management for detention medical services (four jails), two Federally Qualified Health Centers, Environmental Health Services, Emergency Medical Services, the county's indigent health insurance program, and the usual public health functions such as maternal and child health, communicable disease control, health education and so on. It was the best position I ever had, largely because of the wonderful professional and lay people I encountered in both public and private sectors. Santa Cruz County is small enough (pop. 260,000) that it is easy to know almost everyone connected to the health/public health fields, and it is geographically isolated so that there is great interconnectedness and interdependency.

"I remained in the health officer position for five years — the longest job I ever held. No, I didn't get fired from every job or any job. Kristen and I both enjoy travel and new experiences, and without children to support, we planned to relocate every three or four years. We have had wonderful experiences living and working on three continents and in 14 cities, including three different times in Chicago. One six-month residence was on a hospital ship, Project HOPE in Brazil, where I was chief of internal medicine. My wife is a doctoral level nutritionist-biochemist, attorney and polyglot, and has worked out of our home for more than 20 years in various teaching and consulting fields, hence our maneuverability.

"Retirement was quite a bore yet again in 2005, so I joined our local Red Cross chapter as medical adviser, board member and trained disaster responder. While our Red Cross chapter has 140 registered nurses and 60 or so behavioral health volunteers, the insurance coverage limits its scope of practice to first aid and limited counseling functions. It soon became appar-

ent to me through our disaster exercises that it needed broader scope nursing, behavioral health and medical support in its shelter operations. Previously, as health officer, I had tried to establish a Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) unit through our local medical society. The structure was put into place, a national charter was obtained from the Office of Surgeon General, but the first recruitment yielded only four volunteers. The enterprise floundered for nearly three years. In 2006, the medical society asked me to volunteer as coordinator for the Santa Cruz County MRC and to build its capacity for emergency response. We obtained small grants and conducted widespread recruitment, after the first of which we had grown from four to 180 volunteers in two months! An advisory board was developed, bylaws formulated, training programs developed and more recruitment. We now have more than 450 volunteers and are the fifth largest MRC unit in California, behind Los Angeles (1,405), Orange County (1,020), San Diego County (875) and Kern County (569). (New York City's MRC covers five counties, with more than 9,500 volunteers!) We participate in disaster exercises with numerous partner agencies including the Red Cross, local hospitals, health departments, fire and law enforcement agencies and so on. Our last effort was to administer up to 1,500 seasonal flu shots / nasal mist to hard-to-reach farm workers and their families at a farmers' market, flea market and rural community service center in early November. In early 2011, we will partner with the Red Cross and our local health department to set up a mock Alternate Care Site with 40 medical / nursing beds to decompress our hospitals in a simulated disaster situation.

"I retired as MRC coordinator at the end of 2010 and will spend more time developing joint training programs for our Red Cross and MRC volunteers, and maybe a little travel. But we much prefer to entertain friends and family at our mountainside home on Old Up Yonder Road, just below Heavenly Way, in Happy Valley — yes, we're still on earth — rather than face airports, traffic and the like. Can you blame us? We are fortunate to have many family members nearby in Sacramento and many friends locally, while other friends and relatives from around the world visit and vacation here with us. Our welcome mat is out to all, but 'reservations' are required! I appreciate hearing from classmates through dmcnutt@aol.com and will reply to all. Best wishes!"

Josh Frierer observes, "One reason I did not join ROTC in college is



Even across oceans, Columbia alumni find a way to meet up. **Norm Solberg '61 (left) and Stu Sloane '61 had a chance to talk about old times and really old times at Ishiyamadera Temple near Kyoto, Japan, in December.**

that I get seasick. This also is one reason why I never took a cruise until last June. Amazingly, I have been married to one woman (Norma Damashak '60 Barnard) for 50 years. We talked about a good way to celebrate the anniversary with our three children and three grandchildren ages 3–7. We rejected a number of options and finally decided on a late June cruise to Alaska on the inland passage, reasoning that the waters would be calm, the scenery spectacular, the meals prepared by someone else and the ship big enough so that we could chose to be separate or together as our moods dictated, and I could bring along scopolamine patches just in case. (Also, we were able to tell Sarah Palin jokes the whole trip.)

"I count myself lucky that my children like each other and each other's spouses. Consequently we spent a lot of time together. The best idea we had was to get a walkie-talkie for each couple, which allowed us to connect easily without making elaborate plans to rendezvous on a deck or lounge. The scenery did not disappoint us. The highlight for me was taking a helicopter ride to the top of a glacier and walking around on this enormous pile of ice. We were disappointed not to see whales, but there were at least four cruise ships playing tag for the whole trip, which was probably enough of an intrusion to scare off the whales. Living in San Diego, we are privileged to see gray whales migrate off the coast every winter, but I was looking forward to seeing orcas. The organizational skills of the cruise line were impressive; they did not lose anyone even with four stops to do touristy things on shore. So for those of you approaching your big anniversary, I can recommend this as a very pleasant way to

spend about a week with family or friends. I found that our plan was not too original — there were at least three other families doing the same thing on our trip."

From **Allen Rosenshine**: "In early October, seven members of our class met with Dean Michele Moody-Adams in an informal lunch on campus to discuss various subjects regarding Columbia College life today. Of particular encouragement to me was her support of efforts to bring ROTC back to campus, which we featured as a topic during our 50th class reunion last year. For me, 2010 was something of the summer of my discontents, having had back surgery after five months of sciatic pain. On a brighter note, the surgery was a success, and I expect to be skiing this winter, avoiding that most dangerous part of the sport, known as 'Follow me, Dad!' I did manage to drag my aching leg to Israel at the invitation of IDC University to lecture on the subject of Israel's declining reputation, my message being that its government's right-wing alliance with Jewish orthodox fundamentalism is going to bury the country in world contempt that not even the United States can dig it out of. For those who may think I am tilting toward the views of **David Horowitz** (with whom I grew up in New York City and who graciously took part in our reunion presentations despite Columbia's generally shabby treatment of his notoriety), you can find my far more liberal Democratic rants on my blog, *My Two Cents* (and *Worth Every Penny*), at allensorshine.com. (Sorry for letting my advertising background get the better of me.) Anyway, it was off to Egypt and Morocco at the turn of the year and then Scotland and France in the spring. Vive la retirement!"

Congratulations are due **Gene Appel** who says, "On January 22, I was inducted into the Mercer County (All Sports) Hall of Fame. This is in response to my athletic activities at Sharon H.S., Columbia College and my recent high school football coaching here in Oregon. I really have to emphasize this is more because of the driving force I felt I was representing: my family/extended family; being a Jew (post-Holocaust); and first-born American (America's melting pot immigrant)."

"Recently my wife, Linda, asked, 'Did you really think about that at every game you played in?' I had to smile and replied, 'No, not every game; it started the first time in eighth grade when I went out for football, and every practice or time I stepped on the field or mat from then, I felt I was the 'Jew Boy' and I had to do my best.'"

My wife, Yona, and I were fortu-

nate this summer to have Gene and Linda stay with us for a few days. It was not long enough, but it was a real pleasure to spend time together.

Clive Chajet writes, "Since I am over 40, I can't accurately remember what I have written in my previous Class Notes, so if you find the following comments repetitious it means that your memory is better than mine."

"I still live in Manhattan and Bridgehampton most of the time and remain active as a branding consultant but am not as busy as I used to be. My book, *Image by Design: from Corporate Vision to Business Reality*, still sells a few copies a year. I play tennis most weekends with the same group of 11 players as for the last 22 years and am active on the 92nd Street Y board as well as some company boards."

"I have been married to Bonnie for 44 years, have two wonderful daughters, one of whom lives in Manhattan and the other in Brooklyn, and have two divine granddaughters whom I see weekly because they live in Brooklyn."

"I could continue writing for another three or four hours, but I suspect that I have already bored you, so I'll conclude by saying that I hope you have written something about yourselves that I would find interesting to read."

Lew Roth writes, "I usually don't want to bore classmates with my travel adventures, but maybe a trip to Egypt will be worth reading about. My wife, Leslie, a Mount Sinai Hospital School of Nursing graduate (where we met on West 112th and Amsterdam at the pizza place, which I believe is still there, is a whole different story) and I spent a week in Egypt recently. It was more than 100 degrees every day, the food was atrocious, the accommodations terrible and the tour company so petty that even bottled water served at mealtime was extra. Of course, you can't drink the tap water, but I'm not sure they don't bottle the water right out of the Nile. At any rate, both my wife and I got a little sick but not too bad. With all that said, it was an experience of a lifetime. The pyramids, the Sphinx, the temples at Karnak and Luxor, the Valley of the Kings and the Egyptian Museum are not to be missed. They should be on everyone's 'Bucket List.'"

If anyone else has been there and feels differently, I'd love to hear about it.

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I gratefully acknowledge having received holiday and New Year

greetings from **Nathan Gross**, **Paul Nagano** and **Bill Tanenbaum**. I was delighted to receive a phone call on Christmas Day with season's greetings from **Michael Wolk**. Michael, who resides in California, had not been able to attend our 50th, so it was a special pleasure to hear from him, as we have not seen each other since graduation.

Our peripatetic artist, **Paul Nagano**, describes his activities during the past year and provides an interesting reflection on our 50th in his annual newsletter:

"Two-thousand-ten turned out to be a tiger of a year, so I am hopeful," writes Paul, "that the docile rabbit will bring us a year more calm, quiet and peaceful than the last. For me, it was a year full of exhibitions, from Honolulu to New York to Groton, Mass., and finally, Boston."

"I graduated in 1960 from Columbia, so at my 50th reunion there in June, I showed, with two of my classmates, a number of paintings in the most wonderful gallery: the rotunda of Low Library. It's a McKim, Mead & White neo-classical centerpiece of Columbia's Morning-side Heights campus, built in 1895 and modeled after the Pantheon, with other classical touches. It's topped by the largest freestanding granite dome in the United States. On the steps in front of Low is a sculpture of Alma Mater by Daniel Chester French (who did the bronze relief doors of the Boston Public Library, too). A fateful connection: On the day I received my B.A. (in literature) at Columbia, an honorary degree was presented to the 60-year-old artist Hobson Pittman, who would, three years later, become one of my teachers at the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts in Philadelphia."

It is with sorrow that I reprint the following note, received in December from William Heinebach '67:

"It is with the utmost sadness that I report the death of my cousin **Henry Schoenfeld** '63L on September 21, after a series of lengthy illnesses. Henry was born April 28, 1940, and grew up in Manhattan, the oldest of three children. He was the son of William Schoenfeld '28, '32 Dental and Frances Schoenfeld. While in high school, Henry made Eagle Scout."

"Shortly after law school, Henry joined the Peace Corps. He served in Tanganyika (now Tanzania), where he taught law in Dar-es-Salaam to Tanzanian students. He remembered this experience with much fondness. Upon his return, Henry lived in Washington, D.C., then later in Takoma Park, Md., with his family. He worked at first in government, then as a criminal defense attorney for more than 35 years. Henry is sur-

vived by his wife, Lucy; their sons, William and Mike; and their wives, Debbie, and Ashley, respectively."

"A very handsome man, Henry also was blessed with one of the sharpest, best informed minds. He was not afraid to express and defend unpopular views on any number of the issues of the day, sometimes with a twinkle in his eye, so I was not always sure if he just might be kidding. He also was very funny and had a great, distinctive laugh, which was often heard."

"He handled his extensive physical illnesses with grace and much courage, as did his family. I will miss him very much."

I remember Henry as one of the cadre of classmates who had attended Sytuvesant H.S. The class sends its deepest sympathies to Henry's family.

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We are now less three months away from our 50th Alumni Reunion Weekend, which will take place Thursday, June 2-Sunday, June 5. The Reunion Committee is planning the event with the help of the Alumni Office. Any suggestions should be forwarded to **Tony Adler** (awadler@spartacommercial.com) or **Burt Ehrlich** (burtierlich@gmail.com).

George Reithoffer has started a new company, Baker Martin Capital (bakermartincapital.com). It is enjoyable, and he has kept it within the Columbia family. He told his partners to get out there quickly and earn lots of money since the term of his lease is a lot shorter than theirs."

Ed Hotchkiss wrote that as we approach 50 years since our graduation from Columbia College, he asked himself what he received from the Core Curriculum liberal arts experience that was unique. He suspects he would have had many achievements in life had he gone to another college with a different educational formula. However, the Columbia years, incredibly enjoyable and challenging at the time, left him with a residual of lifelong friendships and a professional direction that pointed toward success in his chosen medical career, but most of all, an education in great critical

thinking and a realization that the intellectual world and the world that housed great thinkers had challenges and rewards that he could profit from, a little then, but more so later in life. That's held true for him. Thinking critically has served Ed well professionally and personally, giving him perspectives that have enhanced his abilities in his medical practice. An appreciation for the arts developed relatively late for him, and he thinks in no small part from his having had such a favorable series of memories of Music Humanities and fine arts. The passion he has for music was seeded 50 years ago, but flowered 20 years later. Ed's successes in his personal life, with wonderful marriages (widowed from a first) and children, life's accomplishments, complement very self-satisfying professional recognition and honors. Ed is the senior partner in a medical group in Lynbrook, N.Y., where he has practiced for 38 years. He has been involved in medical education at many levels all these years. He splits his time among Long Island, the Berkshires and visiting five children and seven grandchildren spread around the country. Much of his social life involves long-lasting relationships that started at Columbia, and he's looking forward to seeing classmates at our reunion with whom he has lost contact and hearing about how their Columbia years influenced their lives.

Norm Solberg and Stu Sloame met on December 9 at Ishiyamadera Temple, near Kyoto, the place where much of *The Tale of Genji* was written more than 1,000 years ago. [See photo.] This is said to be the first written novel in history. Stu and his wife were on their first visit to Japan, on the occasion of a traveling museum exhibit of ancient Japanese art from the collection of a family member. Although they hadn't seen each other since our 30th reunion, Norm and Stu recognized each other instantly!

On a sad note, **Chuck Johnson's** wife, Ann, died on November 2. Norm learned this from Chuck's Christmas letter. Chuck and Ann both worked most of their lives at Smith College in Northampton.

Also, **Donald Riesch**, a retired attorney who lived in Woodside, Calif., passed away on September 19.

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Many thanks to each of you who wrote. If your words are not in this issue, I promise they'll be in the next.

Larry Lowiering is making a documentary film whose working

title is *Not for the Dead*. The film tells the story of a quietly heroic man, Bogdan Bialek, who lived in Kielce, Poland, site of Europe's last Jewish pogrom, in 1946. The pogrom has haunted the city for more than 60 years. Now Bialek has taken on the burden of leading people through a painful process of reconciliation. This is a film about today and about issues that remain hidden. After five years, Larry and his team have completed filming in Poland, Israel and New York. They are now raising money to begin the daunting challenge of reducing 170 hours of material into a dramatic 90-minute film. Larry writes: "I recently returned from a market in the Czech Republic where I pitched the film to commissioning television editors from across Europe. The response there was positive. Making this film has been the creative journey of my life." You may reach Larry at schoauduc@earthlink.net.

After unsuccessfully trying to visit Cuba on a goodwill mission with a jazz ensemble and then again as part of a medical group, **David Brothers** (bros180@optonline.net) and his wife, Janet, recently returned from South America. They found Rio de Janeiro smoothly integrated with awesome beaches, exciting dining opportunities and high-quality accommodations. Igassu Falls in the southern jungle near Argentina was their first encounter with South American jungle and offered everything the word jungle implies: malaria, dengue fever and big cats. Their visit to Igassu Falls made them appreciate Eleanor Roosevelt's remark when she first saw the falls: "Poor Niagara."

David reports that Machu Picchu was splendid, a brief CC course, if you will, that somehow escaped the evil machinations of Pizarro, who apparently was not good in geography or interpersonal relations. He attempted to ship booty back to Spain from the Pacific coast of South America rather than the Atlantic, hence requiring the dangerous voyage around Tierra del Fuego and then north through the Atlantic. In exchange for Incan crafts and jewels, Pizarro gave the Indians smallpox and then with his guns, unknown to Incas, enslaved them and forced them to build Christian churches atop their brilliantly constructed stone walls, which remain technological marvels and a reminder of man's inherent psychopathology.

Buenos Aires felt militaristic from the moment David and Janet passed the machine gun toting border police. Their camera was clearly pocketed from David's zippered waist bag, apparently a not uncommon happening in Buenos Aires. But the steak was superb, and one order

generously fed both of them. The Malbec grape and associated wines were special. The Tango, irrespective of whether one is inclined to dance, is something everyone should at least see if not do, assuming they are orthopedically cleared to do so, David writes. "It's too bad Columbia did not offer a Tango course! Can you imagine the line in the gym to register for that one? Still, Columbia was an awesome experience that in no small measure made us who we are."

Crawford Kilian continues to write for *The Tyee* (theyee.ca), a Vancouver online magazine. "It's a dream job. I can write about books, politics, media, just about anything. We get a large and very involved readership, and *Tyee* stories tend to go viral — readers e-mail them everywhere," Crawford says.

In addition, Crawford has been blogging a lot. "My main blog is *H5N1* (crofsblogs.typepad.com/h5n1/), which is now focused on infectious diseases and the politics of public health. At the moment I'm covering the cholera outbreak in Haiti, as well as dengue in South America, India and Pakistan. It's fascinating to see that at any given moment I may have visitors from France, China, Nigeria, Romania and Qatar."

The third edition of Crawford's book, *Writing Science Fiction and Fantasy*, will be out in the spring, and he's planning another one based on his blog, *Ask the English Teacher* (crofsblogs.typepad.com/english). "It's going to be a kind of FAQ on English grammar, style and usage." He says close to 1,000 people visit the site daily. "This is not an outcome my Columbia English teachers would have foreseen," Crawford says.

Replying to an inquiry about how he felt about approaching 70, **Martin Kaufman** (mkaufman@yahoo.com) vigorously replied: "Seventy? I'm not yet 68, and sometimes feel like a teenager. (My wife says I act like one.) Free days? In addition to my day job — I filed three appellate briefs in the two weeks before December 6 — family, three children, four grandkids and civic affairs occupy most of my time."

The big news from **Stephen Cole** is that, as of December 31, he officially retired from the Department of Sociology at the State University of New York. He writes: "My health has not been too good, and I thought it was a good idea to throw in the towel while I still could. Since my wife also has retired, this gives us the opportunity to do a lot more traveling. We have a beautiful apartment in Warsaw. Yes, my wife of 23 years, Maria, is Polish. We shipped one of our cars (a Maxima) to Poland and

now have a good way of getting around Europe. Given the taxes in Poland, it definitely paid to ship the car rather than buy one there. My son Robert had a daughter, my first grandchild. Her name is Miriam, and it is enjoyable to see her develop. My son Richard is engaged to an attractive and smart woman who is a research scientist at New York-Presbyterian. In retirement, I will be doing pretty much the same things I did when I was working except I won't be constrained by a university calendar. That means I will be reading and writing and listening to music. Is there anyone out there who is interested in hi-fidelity equipment? If so get in touch with me at stephen.cole@storybook.edu."

From Honolulu, **Thavanh Sveng-souk** writes that Hawaii has been his home since 2000, when he retired from the U.S. Foreign Service. Thavanh and his wife, Malichanh, have two sons: Jefferson '91 is an emergency room doctor at Strong Memorial Hospital in Rochester, N.Y., and Franklin is a senior graphic designer for Disney in Los Angeles. They keep themselves busy with community activities in Hawaii, three grandchildren (from Jeff and his wife, Lisa) and travel. Thavanh concludes: "We are both without major illness. I drive a sports car (Honda S2000) and go swimming at Hanauma Bay about four times a week." Thavanh's e-mail is thavanh.svengsouk@yahoo.com.

Jim Fasano writes a letter too good to summarize: "I entered with the Class of '61, but due to fieldwork with the American Museum of Natural History, didn't finish until 1962. So I guess that is my 'official' class, and I will answer your request for some information."

"In summer '65 I completed my tour of active duty with the army, in Heidelberg, Germany. With nothing to dodge, avoid or evade, I still felt increasingly dissatisfied with life in the United States. So in 1971, we migrated to Canada, settled in Montreal and I am now a Canadian citizen. It is far from perfect, especially since the Expos left, but it feels a lot more sane."

"I proposed to my Australian-born wife, Julie, the day we met in Innsbruck, Austria. In February, we celebrated our 45th anniversary."

"My athletic son Erik was lured by Notre Dame, where he ran track, majored in math and met his wife, Claudine. They live in Connecticut with their beautiful daughters, Isabella and Sophie."

"Our daughter Louise has intelligently remained here in Montreal, so far, and works with very young children in a local Anglophone school. She pursues many interests and does volunteer work for Dix Mille Villages."



Alumni Reunion Weekend was not only about dancing and lectures. During their 45th reunion in June, (left to right) Larry Guido '65, Bob Johnson '65, Jay Woodworth '65, Bob Henn '65, Don Bachman '65 and Mike Bush '65 gathered for a Blue Key Society lunch.

"My last visit to NYC was last spring to see *Lulu* at the Met. My last trip outside of North America was to run the Nuuk Marathon in Greenland. I have not been to Columbia in nearly half a century.

Ten years ago, I retired from the anthropology department of Dawson College, and several years later, Julie retired from *Reader's Digest Canada*. She has been able to make yearly visits to beautiful Sydney, Australia, and I have made shorter trips: hiking in Alberta's Rockies, attending The Santa Fe Opera, going to baseball games and museums in Toronto, visiting Florida beaches and so on.

"At present we're waiting word that Erik and the girls have completed their visit to Claudine's family in Panama and are ready to navigate the winter highways of Vermont to visit us for Christmas. We also want to wish all the class, and their families, a very happy 2011!"

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Stuart Pellman (stupell@msn.com) recently celebrated the 21st anniversary of his move to San Francisco from Manhattan. He says: "It's one of the best decisions I have ever made: the ease of living; outdoor activities; and cultural venues (symphony, ballet and opera) are a wonderful change after 40-plus years in NYC. I live on Telegraph Hill with my wife, Elyse, who is active in her business career. We often visit our children and grandchildren in Chicago and Long Island and travel once a year to Europe (usually Paris). In 1992, I stopped practicing law and moved to the business side, including work as CEO of a public company. For the past several years, I have been an independent consultant to national and regional law firms to train and coach attorneys to succeed at business development. This occupies about 50 percent of my time and lets me spend the balance enjoying life. My only regret is not becoming a golfer so I can spend mindless hours drinking and throwing the ball with other 70 year olds (just kidding?). Life is good and turning

70 this August is a mix of genuine contentment and disbelief."

The saddest news is last. My dear friend Vic Wolfenstein died on December 15. He had been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer six months earlier; he was 70. Vic and I were close friends at Columbia and saw each other often while we were in graduate school — Vic at Princeton and me at Yale. After he moved to California, we got together much less frequently than we would have preferred. But whenever we did, or spoke by phone, Vic was always the caring, interested, insightful man he had been since we were 18. We've truly lost a man of consequence, kindness and modesty. Please send me memories of him so I may forward them to his wife and children. I cannot write more through the flood of my tears. Here are some words from Judy, who was married to Vic for the past 42 years:

"Vic was a professor of political science at UCLA, a psychoanalyst, and an expert on Karl Marx, Sigmund Freud, W.E.B. DuBois, Friedrich Nietzsche and Malcolm X.

"Vic received his Ph.D. in politics from Princeton in 1965. His dissertation formed the basis of his first book, *The Revolutionary Personality: Lenin, Trotsky, Gandhi*. He spent his entire academic career at UCLA, where he published many articles and books, including *The Victims of Democracy: Malcolm X and the Black Revolution* and *Inside/Outside Nietzsche: Psychoanalytic Explorations*. His final book, *Talking Books: Toni Morrison Among the Ancestors*, is available at www.talkingbooks.wolfenstein.com.

"But Vic's greatest academic love was teaching. One has to look no further than the last week of his life to appreciate how important teaching was to Vic. Despite the progression of his cancer, he completed his fall seminars and submitted his grades five days before his passing. In 1991, he received the UCLA Mortar Board Faculty Excellence Award and in 1994 UCLA's Harriet and Charles Luckman Distinguished Teaching Award. He was instrumental in establishing race, ethnic-

ity and politics as a field in political science at UCLA.

"Vic also was a practicing psychoanalyst. He received his second Ph.D. in psychoanalysis in 1984 from the Southern California Psychoanalytic Institute, where he also taught from 1988-2002. For 25 years, he saw on average 20 hours a week of patients on top of his responsibilities at UCLA. For Vic, work in political theory and the practice of psychoanalysis were complementary fields, each offering tools to understand and explain human experiences."

Vic had four children: Laura, Lenny, Gabriel and Moses. Lenny was named for Lenny Pullman, who was killed in an automobile accident as he was driving to Mississippi to register black voters in summer 1964. There will be a public memorial for Vic at UCLA in the winter quarter. The UCLA Department of Political Science is establishing an award in dialectical thinking in Vic's name.

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Tom O'Connor, Walter Stein and I attended a Bridge Class event with a group from the Class of 2013 (our Bridge Class) at the Columbia Alumni Center last November. As I mentioned when these started last year, these events are a unique chance to meet the undergraduates and find out more about them and their interests. If you are in the New York area and would like to join me the next time Columbia arranges one of these gatherings, let me know.

I know that a lot of us are having more fun now than we ever imagined we could, but I recently saw Bob Kraft honoring Tedy Bruschi during halftime of his team's game against the Jets (which the Patriots won with ease), and I saw Bob smile, and realized he wins, hands down, on the coolest job that any of us could imagine.

Congratulations, Bob. And now it's your time to tell me why your life is just as cool.

Steve Clineberg writes, "I retired as regional general counsel of Boston Properties (Washington, D.C., office) in December 2006 and have literally not looked back. My wife, Lin (a graduate of St. Luke's Nursing School on West 114th Street), and I have relocated to our vacation home in St. Michaels, Md., on the eastern shore of the Chesapeake Bay. Since then, I have gotten involved with the local affiliate of Habitat for Humanity, a nonprofit that builds homes for working families in this area. In fact, I am so involved in this organization that I

was made president, meaning that I get to 'herd the cats' on the board of directors for a two-year term and help to assure that we have enough funding and able volunteers to continue our mission. I actually am looking forward to this since our affiliate is still growing, building five or six homes a year and filling a vital need for housing in our area, similar to the work that Habitat does around the world. I find that this work taxes the skills, such as they are, that I developed over my working career, and am having fun with it.

"In our 'spare' time, Lin and I like to travel. We recently returned from a three-week safari trip to southern Africa and are looking forward to our next trip, probably to Italy or maybe Egypt. We also have been spending a good deal of time with family, especially our three children (all girls) and seven grandchildren. The highlight of our summers has been our visits, with all of the children and grandchildren, as well as spouses, to Family Camp on a lake near Portland, Maine. If that's not enough, Lin volunteers with Master Gardeners and our local chamber music festival (held in these environs every June) as well as other volunteer activities.

"It was great seeing everyone at our 45th in New York. We are certainly looking forward to seeing many more of you at the next one and catching up on what you have been doing for the last 50 years!"

Bennett M. Rackman is the Jewish chaplain at JFK Airport.

Patrick McDonnell '66 writes, "During freshman orientation week for the Class of 1966, someone, I think from the Class of 1963, conducted a 'Nighttime Walking Tour of New Midtown Architecture.' As you might guess from my memory of the title after 45 years, it was an important event for me. I have had a lifelong interest in new architecture ever since. I do not remember who conducted the tour, but I would certainly like to get in touch with him and thank him for his interest and tour. I think that maybe he said he was going into advertising. Any help you could give in finding out who this was, such as asking in this column, would be most appreciated."

"Any of you know who this might have been? Let me know.

Michael Hassan writes from Cabo San Lucas, "Life couldn't get any better down here. The weather is terrific... wearing all short sleeves/pants during the day and climbing into long sleeves and pants at sundown (or *atardecer* in Spanish!) I've rented a beautiful luxury apartment in Cabo for the next few years while I develop property one lot off the

beach up the Pacific Coast about 30 miles from Cabo in a place called Cerritos Beach, internationally known for its great surfing. We expect the first spec house to be done mid next year and are quite excited as this is our first development project (I have a partner from the United States). I had hoped to spend Christmas and New Year's riding a 45-ft. ketch through the Panama Canal. This is the same boat and friends that brought me from Los Angeles, to Cabo last year. I guess it helps to have an extra set of hands during the crossing, even a muddled, not quite as strong, bony pair.

"But what I wanted to say is how great life is right now. I hope my classmates can say the same. No more striving for tough goals (if the beach house doesn't sell, I'll own a beach house), no health issues to worry about, no more stress and strain unless voluntarily created, and to paraphrase Dr. King, 'Freedom at last.' There is something inspirational in having a free spirit in a free body and mind. I feel like I'm going to live to be 100."

Barry Jay Reiss writes, "I'd like to share info on an incredible vacation my wife and I took this past summer. We had talked off and on with another couple who are sailing buddies about wanting to do a canal boat vacation. We had looked at the canal boats in France and the United Kingdom, then someone asked us 'Why are you going overseas when we have one of the world's most famous canals right here in New York, the Erie Canal?' When we checked it out on the New York State website, we got a ton of material on all sorts of options, including a beautiful large-format canal 'cruising' guide. We contacted one of the companies listed in the guide, Mid-Lakes Navigation, and rented a 42-ft. canal boat. While we weren't expecting much, we were delighted to find a wonderful boat built to travel the canal with two double bed staterooms, each with its own head (bathroom), shower, fully equipped galley with gas stove and oven, refrigerator, dining area, a large canopy-covered cockpit and air conditioning! We picked up the boat at their marina in Macedon, N.Y., on the canal about five miles east of Rochester. After two hours of training on how to operate the boat (top speed, 5 mph) and how to enter and leave a lock, we were off heading east to our first lock and port of call, Palmyra (we eventually traveled through about 20 locks). The scenery was spectacular, and we eventually turned off the Erie on to the Cayuga-Seneca Canal, which runs through the Montezuma National Wildlife Refuge, where we saw hundreds of wild birds, herons, eagles and so on,

winding up at the mouth of Seneca Lake at Seneca Lake State Park. We eventually headed back west, stopping at Pittsfield and Fairport and heading back home to Macedon. It was an extraordinary week, and we highly recommend it."

Rich Juro writes, "Going down the coast of West Africa (Ghana to Namibia) for three weeks on a small, 100-passenger (several of whom are also Columbia alumni) ship, catching up on magazines that I haven't read, and there's a big, nice, complimentary article in *Bob Kraft* in the November issue of *Fortune* (you can Google it). You've probably heard about it, even written about it, but just thought I'd mention it on the slim chance you missed it."

And so that brings us back to **Bob Kraft**. Write me about the wonderful things you are doing. I probably won't get it into *Fortune*, but I can certainly see that it's published here, where it really counts.

Our regular second Thursday lunches continue to be a wonderful place to reconnect. If you're back in NYC, try to make the next Class of '63 lunch, scheduled for March 10, and then again on April 14. It's always the second Thursday. Check out cc63ers.org for details.

In the meantime, let us know what you are up to, how you're doing and what's next.

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Columbia is always with us. Writing this column shortly after New Year's Day and shortly after New York was hit with two serious snowstorms, I was reminded of our freshman year in January 1962 when the University was closed after a snowstorm and President Kennedy was inaugurated. A hopeful time.

For some, 2011 started with travel. **Rick Nudd** was off from Connecticut to California to visit his grandchildren, while **Beril Lapson** was traveling to Mexico and China on business.

Gary Schonwald practices law in New York City and works with developing technology companies in the United States, England and Israel. He, too, is traveling a lot between New York and London. Gary has lots of good news about his children: "During the past year, my oldest child, Matthew, received an M.B.A. in sustainable resources, which I hope gets him out of his prior profession of professional mountain climber. My second oldest child, Carrie, directs the social services side of international AIDS

vaccine trials conducted by the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Institute in Seattle. No. 3, Carter, graduated from Yale as a theoretical math major and now is in a 'mathy' computer science Ph.D. program at Dartmouth. No. 4, Rosalind, is a junior at Brown, majoring in urban studies and enjoying her third year as the vocalist for the Brown Jazz Band. Finally, No. 5, Hannah Rose, is a sophomore at Brown, majoring in environmental engineering and one of the five women who are coxswains on the Brown men's varsity crew team. Apparently a number of crew teams now have woman coxes."

Our congratulations to Gary on his *naches*. Gary can be reached at 212-495-9207.

Gary's note brought back memories of my roommate, the late **Jack Lipson**, who was coxswain for the heavyweight crew.

Allen Tobias and **Pete Donaldson** continue a friendship that began during Freshman Week. Pete is the Ford Foundation Professor and former head of literature at MIT. He was in New York to review *Throne of Blood*, a theatrical adaptation of the Kurosawa film. Allen writes that over brunch in November, he and Pete discussed their favorite professors and they both "came to the conclusion that the distinguishing feature of a distinguished Columbia College faculty in humanities in those days was, beside its excellence generally, the learning environment: There was absolutely no competition between the (brilliant) undergrads and the (still more accomplished) faculty. No jealousy. I felt also that there was not enough real encouragement or intimacy. I especially regret not studying with Gilbert Highet, after recently reading his terrific book, *Poets in a Landscape*. I also am disappointed in Allen Ginsberg '48 for not recommending Lionel Trilling '25 more highly to me."

Allen is hoping that his play, *How to Write Like a Beatnik*, about the lives of Ginsberg and Jack Kerouac '44, will open in the fall.

Allen, Pete, Craig Karpel '65 and **Herb Goldstein** are trying to find **Mark Sindband**. Any sightings?

Clark Hoyt, former public editor at *The New York Times* [Editor's note: See the feature in May/June, college.columbia.edu/cct/may_june10], was interviewed by Richard Heffner '46 on *The Open Mind* on PBS. Clark won the Pulitzer Prize in 1973 for his reporting, which uncovered vice presidential candidate Thomas Eagleton's electroshock treatments for depression. After the disclosures, Eagleton withdrew as George McGovern's running mate. Clark's motto as a newsman: "I have never been told it was wrong to ask a question."

My wife, Jacqueline, and I traveled in France in October. After touring Alsace, we drove from Strasbourg to Nuits-Saint-Georges, and for several days enjoyed the beautiful Burgundian countryside and the superb food and wine. A train from Dijon then brought us to Paris. A memorable journey.

Write me. Your classmates want to hear from you.

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My last column was devoted to reports from classmates who attended our 45th reunion last June. As a postscript, Mike Bush has provided the nearby photo of participants in a Blue Key Society lunch held at the reunion. Pictured are **Larry Guido**, **Bob Johnson**, **Jay Woodworth**, **Bob Henn**, **Don Bachman** and **Mike**.

Harmon (Hank) Fields, moved by my repeated pleas for news, sent the following courageous submission: "I am sending my first entry to CCT because I want to begin to heal my Columbia experience and hopefully reconnect to my classmates and alma mater in a positive way. My Columbia years were difficult, owing to my issues of insecurity, self-esteem and dependency, which were mostly unknown to me at the time. I sought help from Columbia's counseling service, but the assigned psychiatrist seemed less sensitive to my needs and more distant and analytic than empathetic and supportive, and the treatment didn't last long. My issues were surely not of Columbia's making, but I wish that Columbia's help had been more engaging although perhaps I was also resistant to and defensive about exploring my feelings. I did go on to graduate, albeit a semester late due to an 'academic problem.' Since then, I have been a teacher and administrator in special education, a social worker, a supervisor and director in that field, and more recently, an attorney, having returned to law school at a later age and received my J.D. in 2002. I have been unemployed for a few months, mostly by choice, a time to relax, refresh and reflect on what kind of work would bring me the most satisfaction while helping others in a meaningful way."

Since Harmon lives in New York City, I arranged to meet him after receiving his submission. Friendly, optimistic and a profound thinker, he would be a rewarding person for his old friends to reconnect with. Harmon can be reached at hpf19@earthlink.net.

Paul Hyman provided an update on his last dispatch combined with

an irresistible offer: "I had the privilege, in 1969, of working with Paul Rabinow, then a Ph.D. student, and noted anthropologist, Clifford Geertz, in the Middle Atlas Mountains of Morocco. The funding for my work was a small grant for photography from Chicago. When Geertz died in 2008, Susan Slyomovics, a professor of anthropology at UCLA, organized the Geertz conference 'Islam Re-Observed: Clifford Geertz in Morocco' and sponsored a one-man show of my photographs at the Fowler Museum. Routledge, a British Academic Press, has since published the papers of the conference attendees in a double issue of *The Journal of North African Studies*, Vol. 14, Nos. 3 and 4. Initially, Susan asked me to write captions for my photographs that were being used in several of the essays. Somehow, this idea grew into my writing my own chapter, in addition to the photos and captions. As the photog has picked up a pen, anyone interested can access the following link: informaworld.com/smp/content/db-all-content-a917362037--frm=titlelink. Susan's essay, which also deals with my work, is called 'Perceptions, not Illustrations, of Sefrou, Morocco: Paul Hyman's Images and the Work of Ethnographic Photography.' Those so inclined can access her essay at informaworld.com/smp/content/db-all-content-a917363254--frm=titlelink.

"I have a limited number of copies of the journal that I will sign and number for anyone willing to contribute \$100 to the Columbia College Annual Fund (college.columbia.edu/giveonline/) for this purpose."

Paul can be reached about this generous offer, or for any other purpose, at paul.hyman@phpnyc.com.

Last year, John McDougall contributed a piece about his amazing and arduous hike on the John Muir Trail. He followed up with these further reflections: "Looking back over the year recently ended, my greatest accomplishment has been to not regret any of the 30 pounds I lost in 2009 when I spent 21 days trekking the entire John Muir Trail. My health remains excellent in other respects as well. My body still tolerates running reasonably well, and I run or bicycle at least half an hour five or six days a week. I practice law and in March 2010 renewed my certification with the California Bar as a criminal specialist for an additional five years. Last summer, I revisited a section of the JMT with my wife during a weeklong excursion, and I'm looking forward to doing so again in 2011. This year, I plan to hand off my present volunteer role in the Boy Scouts as a district roundtable commissioner. Learning to read, write and speak German continues

to challenge me intellectually.

"A few issues ago, Leonard, you suggested that class members recall their undergraduate days, so I have on and off. I have concluded that the greatest influence on my life may have resulted from the examples of two residence hall counselors, law students who were veterans of service in the armed forces. Would I have chosen the Platoon Leaders Course program leading to a commission in the U.S. Marines upon graduation otherwise? Who knows. My experience in Vietnam has affected my views about the military very differently from those who didn't serve.

"As far as classes, the one I enjoyed most was a history of the English novel taught by former College Dean Steven Marcus '48, '61 CSAS, now the George Delacorte Professor Emeritus in the Humanities. Second and third were medieval history and 'History of British Constitution,' both taught by Norman Cantor '67L. First semester of Lit Hum, we had a classics professor (or maybe technically an instructor), so we got a lot of background on the works. Although I had played the trumpet in high school, mastering Music Hum proved a struggle but worth it."

Do John's recollections stimulate any of your own? If so, share!

Steven Millhauser, about whom I wrote last year on the publication of his short story collection, *Dangerous Laughter: 13 Stories*, has a new story, "Getting Closer," published in the January 3 issue of *The New Yorker*. I read it in one gulp, unable to stop. Without risk of spoiling the experience for anyone, I can tell you that the story includes a reference to "Grandma's apartment on West 110th Street."

Dr. Arthur (Archie) Roberts was the subject of a *New York Times* article by Harvey Araton on November 3, "For N.F.L. Players, Another Risk: Heart Disease." There has been a lot of publicity lately about head injuries and brain concussions in football. But cardiovascular disease seems to be another long-term risk. According to the article, after retiring as a heart surgeon, in 2003 Archie created a cardiovascular screening program for retired N.F.L. players at the Perelman Center for Advanced Medicine at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania in southern New Jersey. The program was originally financed by the players union and private donations, but it has since expanded and moved under an umbrella group called the NFL Player Care Foundation, which includes the union, the league, a player alumni group and the Pro Football Hall of Fame. In the article, Archie notes that the issue of concussions in football has overshadowed the risk of heart disease to retired players. "The dan-

ger of concussions has exploded as a national issue because it has such a powerful effect on society. Our kids play sports and suffer concussions, not just gladiators playing professional football. But the reality is that cardiovascular disease is the leading killer of men."

The article cites an examination of 201 player screenings from Archie's program in 2006 and 2007 which found ailments in retired players of all sizes that harden arteries and can increase the risk of stroke and death by up to four times, putting them in the same risk category as obese, non-athletic men.

According to the article, Archie quit professional football after the 1967-68 season and became a heart surgeon, performing thousands of operations until he had a stroke at 58 that ended his surgery career. "The doctor wasn't listening to the advice he was giving his patients," Archie said. "I neglected regular exams and follow-ups that I insisted my patients get. I wasn't exercising or eating right. I should have known better. But when I had my stroke, it started a new phase of my life." Archie noted that a fair number of the screened players were told they needed immediate care. He recalled that at least two, one of whom he knew from his playing days, soon had coronary bypass surgery. "I score what we've done as far from perfect, but after six years I do feel good about the effect we've had guiding players to procedures and helping them understand the risks. I believe we have saved some lives," Archie said.

After a hiatus, New York-area classmates got together for a class lunch on December 16. Attending were Dan Carlsky, Michael Cook, Andy Fisher, Brian Fix, Stephen Hoffman, Paul Hyman, Michael Krieger, Barry Levine, Leonard Pack, David Sarlin, Michael Schlanger, Stephen Steing, Rick Shuart and Jay Woodworth. We're planning more such get-togethers. Please e-mail me at pack6@aol.com to be added to the notification list.

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Pat McDonnell sent us his news in late autumn, pointing out that this was the first time he had written

to the CCT correspondent for our class. "I am retired. After getting a Ph.D. in sociology, I only worked in the field for six years and then drifted into market research and programming. I did get a chance to work in Australia for six years and while there did a national survey on social class and wrote a book that no one has ever read. I live in New Jersey and occasionally get to NYC, often for the *Prairie Home Companion* show at Town Hall. Most of my friends from the class were those six or so who went on to Stanford for graduate study at the same time as I did. I would especially like to contact Pete Adams, who I last heard was driving a cab in the city."

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Gregory A. Markel, partner and co-chair of the litigation department at Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft, was elected to the Board of directors of the Legal Aid Society, a nonprofit legal services organization based in New York City.

Jenik Radon writes, "I saw Justin Malewezi in January 2010 and was the first Columbia classmate to visit him in Malawi. Justin has had an accomplished, exemplary and inspirational career. He has dedicated himself to public service and the development of his country. He is a person who has made a difference. He has been married for about 40 years and has five children. Justin served as v.p. of Malawi and helped steer his country to democracy from a long post-colonial authoritarian rule, helped establish the policy and strategy for economic reform, focused on AIDS education and prevention, and now is concentrating on sustainable agricultural development/practice. As a former teacher and educator, it is hard to meet a Malawian who does not know and respect him. He has dedicated himself to making education central to the development of Malawi. As he noted, the youth is the future and everything depends on them. Justin is as modest and unassuming as ever and still has that sparkle in his eye. He also had the honor of being at President Barack Obama '83's inauguration."

Jenik also shared some of his own news: "I recently was honored as one of the top five teachers at SIPA. I returned from a trip to India, where I lectured at the Indian School of Business on the natural resource curse and role of corporations; Nepal, where I lectured at Tribhuvan University Law School on the impact of natural resource development

and the Nepali banker's association on the U.S. financial situation; and Bhutan, where I lectured to the business and government officials on joint ventures. In Nepal and Bhutan, I also met with public officials on hydro development, joint venture formation and operation. I also hosted a Mexican Bicentennial Independence conference at Monterey Tech in Queretaro where the keynote was the human rights activist Nobel Peace Prize winner Rigoberta Menchú Tum. I also was recently on Chinese television as part of a series on the power of corruption. More people saw me than live in the United States!"

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I have been looking high and low for news, but you all seem to be hiding. Please help me make this job easier by sending me an e-mail about yourself. Your classmates want to hear from you.

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Last column, I led with the news of Judd Gregg's retirement from the Senate, mentioning that "I tried to learn of Judd's plans for retirement, but his plans were not announced by my deadline." In one of the few acts of pure journalism that I've engaged in as class columnist, I checked in with Judd's office from time to time looking for an update. And then, on January 3, I was scooped by AP, which reported on Judd's announcement that he "plans on using his political clout to advocate for putting the nation's fiscal house in order," bypassing the chance to become a lobbyist in order to associate with groups focused on reducing the nation's debt. So there you have it. You read it here, probably last. But I do have some other items that, to the best of my knowledge, have yet to be picked up by AP.

From Lee Peary: "I'm now semi-retired, teaching part-time at The Episcopal Academy in Newtown Square, Pa., where I've been for the past 26 years, and occasionally teaching a course at local colleges. I have more time for research and writing (mostly on ancient medicine and on classical receptions), and for hiking, cycling, birding and grandchildren—all good things. Some

of the pictures that I took in 1968 appeared in *Harlem vs. Columbia University: Black Student Power in the Late 1960s* by Stefan M. Bradley (2009), and I'm thinking of putting together an exhibition about those 'interesting times.'"

Jack Schachner writes: "My last day of work from New York State was on November 23, ending a 33-year career. December 20 was the Dutchess County Bar Association's luncheon to celebrate my retirement, which was attended by about 100 guests. Two retired judges spoke, Judge Albert Rosenblatt from the NYS Court of Appeals and Judge Samuel Freedman from the Supreme Court, along with two local matrimonial attorneys who appeared before me a number of times and a Law School (1972) classmate who has been my friend since we met in kindergarten in September 1952. I sizzzz!"

"My career with the state began with a two-year clerkship in the Supreme Court, Appellate Division, Fourth Department in Rochester in 1972 and resumed after six years in private practice in 1980 with a two-year clerkship in New York County with Justice Bentley Kassal. I then clerked for Judge Rosenblatt in Poughkeepsie for 3½ years, worked as his special counsel for the two years he was this state's chief administrative judge and clerked for Justice Freedman in White Plains for 10 years. The past 12 years, I was a court attorney referee working as a judge in Poughkeepsie. I settled 1,021 of the 1,032 (98.9 percent) cases assigned to me, 875 of which were matrimonial matters. The challenge I created for myself was to settle every case I received, which I came very close to doing.

"My retirement plans include longer walks with my Golden Retriever; hiking with my wife; visiting our daughter who is completing her senior year at Syracuse; catching up on my reading; traveling, including an upcoming trip with my wife to visit our son (a 2008 College graduate) who teaches in Vietnam; playing tennis, pickle ball and golf; and working as a mediator/arbitrator retained by parties primarily in matrimonial cases. My first four weeks of retirement have been relaxing, though I seem to be as busy as I always was. I never thought I would retire this early in life, but the State's offer was too good to turn down."

I checked in with Bill Stadium, who writes: "Finishing my newest book, *Moneywood*, about Hollywood in the age of Reagan, or how movies went from auteur theory to corporate paradigm. Next up will be a book about the surreal coming of age of the daughter of Meyer Lansky, which is like *Girl, Interrupted*, in the Mafia. Preparing a one-man

Broadway show based on my book, *My Sister's Life with Frank Sinatra*; the one man would be Sinatra's super-hit black valet George Jacobs, who also could sing like the master. Still working on a long-term Harry Winston opus, traveling the world meeting the super-rich who bought these baubles, engendering many nostalgic '60s radical thoughts. How could Columbia Barack Obama '83 countenance those evil tax cuts? Lion, where is thy roar?"

Jerry Avorn continues to study the benefits, risks and cost-effectiveness of prescription drugs as a professor of medicine at Harvard Medical School. His social marketing approach of sending "un-sales reps" to visit doctors to give them the truth about medication benefits, risks and cost-effectiveness, known as academic detailing, has now been adopted by several states and the Veterans Administration to improve prescribing and to counter pharmaceutical industry hype (rxfacts.org). Jerry's book on doctors and drug companies, *Powerful Medicines: The Benefits, Risks, and Costs of Prescription Drugs*, is becoming a cult classic among medical students. (I can personally recommend it. As a consumer, I found it fascinating.) Speaking of books, fans of the good old days will be pleased to learn that *Up Against The Ivy Wall: A History of the Columbia Crisis*, originally authored in 1968 by Jerry and fellow Spectator editors Rob Friedman, Oren Roti and Andy Crane as well as Mike Stern '70, Paul Starr '70, Rob Stulberg '70 and Mark Jaffe '70, has just been made available for free via open access on the Internet Archives (archive.org), ending a 40-year shortage. Jerry's son, Andrew '08, is a second-year student at NYU Law, trying to figure out how to combine his progressive family heritage with the realities of the 21st-century legal profession.

Don Schenk writes: "On Memorial Day 2010, some good rowing friends from Columbia and I celebrated our 40th time paddling in the General Clinton Crane Regatta on the Susquehanna River. Our first time was in 1968 when we escaped the chaos on campus and sent a 10-person Columbia team to paddle in the 35-mile canoe race. We have been doing this every year since. Our families spend the weekend at our summer house in Starlight, Pa. Our teams now include our children and grandchildren. For our 40th celebration, we fielded four teams captained by Jerry 'Both' 67, Eric Dannemann '67, Jack Probus '70 and me."

Marc Raebach finished a two-year phase-out from his commercial real estate law practice at Arent Fox on December 31 and moved to Egypt, where his wife, former SIPA dean

Lisa Anderson, was named president of the American University in Cairo, in January. Marc has been traveling back and forth to Cairo for the last 2½ years, while his wife has been serving as provost at AUC while on leave from her chaired professorship at Columbia. In contemplation of a career change, Marc has been taking courses for the past two years in the urban planning program at the Architecture School. He says it has been an amazing experience to be in classes with 25-year-olds, not to mention taking midterms, writing term papers and sitting for finals again. He adds that it also appears to have been quite an experience for the 25-year-olds to be taking classes with someone like him. Marc says that there has never been a female president of AUC in that university's 90-year history and that the exact nature of his role as a male spouse of the university's president will evolve. Meanwhile, Marc adds, he has one good career left, and he finds the prospect of doing urban planning in Cairo, a fast-growing and dynamic megalopolis of 16–20 million people that is facing numerous and diverse challenges, tremendously exciting.

After the last two columns, I've received a bit of news and only had to beg half as often to round out the column. For those who have not shared news or views in a while, it is your turn (if not your obligation). My inbox is open 24/7. When I ask classmates why they have not sent me news, I am told either a) "my news is not interesting enough" or b) "I do not want to appear to be bragging." No need for concern on either front: I am constantly told by readers of the column that they are in fact interested in learning about their classmates, and members of our class are not easily impressed. Still, to stimulate submissions of views, here is a question. I have started to read Sarah Bakewell's book, *How to Live or A Life of Montaigne in One Question and Twenty Attempts At An Answer*. I bought the book because of its sterling reviews and because I remember really enjoying the Montaigne readings in Literature Humanities, even though I could not recall the details of the readings or exactly what I enjoyed. Alumni constantly speak of the value of the Core Curriculum: In 250 words or less, what specific reading can you recall, and has it shaped your thinking?

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I have been trying to set up a dinner with Peter Sugar and Vic-

tor Hertz to no avail. I started a month-long-plus trial in Greenbelt, Md., federal court on January 11 and moved down there. I am representing the good guys for a change: a defense contractor who is suing a large insurance company that refused to pay on a marine casualty.

Paul Rosen, who practices medicine in the Bronx, is working with me on our 45th Bronx Science reunion. He got a nice long e-mail from our Science classmate David Politzer, a Nobel laureate in physics. David was at Science a few months ago for an awards ceremony. Maybe we can get him to speak at our next reunion.

I also heard from Bob Douglas, who has been unstinting in his work for Columbia. Bob writes about coming full circle! His daughter, Mary Martha '11, is in her third year as a resident adviser. "After stints as an RA in the Living and Learning Center in Hartley Hall and then in John Jay, she is now in Fumald. It was 43 years ago (1967) that her mom and I met at a mixer (now there's a word you don't hear around Columbia anymore) in Fumald lobby. Mary Martha has been accepted into the graduate program for political science, adding '12 GSAS' to her name. This year, she is co-chair of the Undergraduate Recruitment Committee and a vice chair of the Senior Fund. We are very proud."

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Paul Jamieson passed away on October 8. His wife, Pam, wrote me: "Paul and I had been sweethearts since we were 15, and I feel very fortunate to have had the experience of knowing what the 'real deal' is all about for nearly 45 years. The Columbia years are prominent in our relationship (I commuted from Duke to visit frequently). Paul was nothing if he wasn't joyfully irreverent, a sharp critic, dear friend to those who cared for him, and a fabulous father, master chef, husband... He always was a thinker, questioning everything. In his way, he was one of Columbia's best, in his capacity to relate to others in a way that made them feel to count him among their friends."

Paul and I were among 14 fresh-

men on Fumald 8. When Howie Selinger, his roommate, broke his wrist playing for Fumald 8 in an intramural touch football game, Paul came up with the idea of getting Knicks tickets for Howie as a token of appreciation and a get-well gesture. We chipped in, and it meant a lot to Howie.

Pam forwarded to me an obituary written by a "dear family friend" (not mentioned in the obituary):

"Paul Clement Jamieson, 'Destined to be philosopher King,' of Stamford, Conn., died early Friday morning, October 8, in Baltimore. He was surrounded by his wife, Pam, children, Katie and Andrew, friend, Karen, and Golden Retrievers, Nicky and Cody. Paul was 61."

"While at Columbia, Paul was a member of the ice hockey team and crew. Alpha Delta Phi fraternity provided Paul and Pam with compatible cohorts. Together, they would leave at nightfall and drive the eight hours to ski Sugarloaf in Maine. For a time, he added to his worldly knowledge by being a New York 'cabbie.' After graduating, he and Pam traveled around Europe for a year. Their romantic home base was Brynisiency on the Isle of Anglesey off Wales. Later, he was to attend the New England School of Law, graduating in 1976."

"When their children, Katie and Andrew, were born, Paul left the practice of law to stay home, developing the fathering skills for which he is well known. He was unfazed by the endless drives for Katie's swimming practice at ungodly hours and 'Purple Dragons' soccer league, as well as ballet class and Nutcracker performances for Andrew."

"Paul's legendary culinary magic came to him honestly. His Danish grandfather, Matthew Bach, owned and operated the Melba Inn in New Canaan, Conn. And his own father, Paul Jamieson Jr., of Scottish and Irish descent, was the family's cook. Paul called upon many heritages of cooking to create memorable meals nightly. He was not an 'occasional' cook but rather, he took pains to invest with equal ardor in each and every meal. He shopped daily. For him, leftovers were unacceptable. Each meal was new."

"He generously donated his skills. For the Long Ridge School, which he attended at age 5 and with whom he maintained a lifelong connection, he hosted a Teacher's Appreciation Luncheon on an annual basis. Each themed meal was an extravagant and elegant event. A lifetime of summers at the family cottage on Spruce Head Island in Maine inspired Paul to donate and host a lobster bake, which was auctioned at the Long Ridge School fundraiser. Many regulars

anticipated this annual auction item, and the bidding was hot and heavy. For many of Paul's lobster bakes, the lobsters, clams, mussels and seaweed were supplied by his Maine connection. On one occasion, he met the trucker carrying these goods at a rest stop on I-95 at 3 a.m."

"Paul is survived by his wife of 39 years, Pam, daughter, Katie, son, Andrew, and brother, Matthew, and missed by friends for his wonderful combination of elegance and irreverence."

"Instead of flowers, donations may be made to The Long Ridge School, 478 Erskine Rd., Stamford, CT 06903-1599, or The Cancer Institute at St. Joseph's Medical Center, 7601 Osler Dr., Towson, MD 21204."

Len Renery: "Saddened though I am to hear of Paul's passing, I recall with a smile and incredible delight our trips on the IRT to the Bronx to play ice hockey games in the freezing cold of winter. Since we could only get the ice at midnight or later, these subway trips proved fabulously entertaining, in part due to Paul's irreverent sense of humor, terrific smile and warmth. Paul never had a bad word to say about anyone or anything and, though our paths crossed only briefly in the post-Columbia years, it doesn't surprise me at all that he was a wonderful father and husband. When I need some 'uplifting,' I'll think of you, Paul. Thanks for your friendship. My sympathy to your family."

If you have reminiscences of Paul, send them to me. I will assume that they are for the eNews and Class Notes unless you indicate otherwise.

In a happier look to the future, I always have a great time at Alumni Reunion Weekend, with both old friends and new. Our class always has a strong turnout. See ya there, Thursday, June 2-Sunday, June 5. Mark your calendars now.

On February 11, to kick off our way to reunion, we had (after this column was written) Burgers and Basketball, with dinner at Havana Central at the West End, followed by Columbia versus Princeton at Levien Gym.

Last reunion had a lot of great events, and this one looks to have as many or more.

It was my great pleasure at the last one to organize and lead a free-wheeling class discussion about Spring 1968 and how it affected us. It was basically non-political, but deeply personal, and spouses and partners also told me afterward that they were fascinated to hear (and for some to partake in) this discussion of an event pivotal for many of us but that we don't discuss much with people who weren't there. Adding to the effect was being

packed into an old classroom with probably the same wooden seats that were there when we were.

Anyway, the Reunion Committee would like to have another class discussion at this reunion. As of this writing, the events subcommittee is looking for a time slot and location for it — with Dean's Day now moved to the Saturday of reunion, you can attend lectures by leading current Columbia professors, but there are fewer open time slots. We on the Reunion Committee look eagerly toward the events subcommittee's successful scheduling efforts.

Among the topics that have been proposed for a class discussion are (and if you have other ideas please propose them):

a) Oscar Wilde said that "Life is far too important a thing ever to talk seriously about." Someone or other once said that we spend our lives trying to be the person when young we imagined we'd become. Did we? Should we have? What did we learn along the way? What do we wish we'd known when we were in the College? Or, perhaps, looking forward, what are our expectations and desires and fears and hopes?

b) Economic meltdown: causes and effects.

c) Music: Perhaps with Arno Hecht '72 as a participant or speaker, eager to attend reunion if his touring schedule permits. I've been privileged to be friends with Arno beginning in high school. (And having any Sha Na Na current performers or alumni would be great, too.)

How would you like to be out front soloing at the 25th Anniversary Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum concert, performing with Dion on "The Wanderer" with Paul Simon singing backup? In addition to his individual work, Arno is part of a four-man horn group, the Uptown Horns, which has done a ton of studio and touring work. They were the horn section on the Rolling Stones' Steel Wheels Tour and played in at least two top dance songs, "Hot Hot Hot" as done by Buster Poindexter (ne David Johansen) — you hear it at maybe every wedding and bar/bat mitzvah and so on, and "Love Shack" by the B-52s, both big hits. A biography of the Uptown Horns (probably from mid-'90s) is at stereosociety.com/uhbio.shtml.

Regardless of the class discussion topic, here's some legendary Arno music to get your day, week, or maybe even life going:

The following YouTube search information will help you search for clips and find them easily, unless they have been removed. The times given in parentheses are to help locate particular clips, as there

may be more than one version.

I have deleted links because in the eNews version you maybe don't want an inadvertent click to send the Stones and so on blasting through your office (or maybe you do, try it) and if you are reading this in the CCT print edition, it's a pain to type random letters and digits into your browser. Also, in case the posters remove the link, but they are reestablished by someone else, these search terms might still get you there.

First, so you can get a better look at Armo and find him and his shades and tenor sax more easily in other clips — 25th Rock and Roll Hall of Fame Concert (2009), Armo up front (and soloing at 2:12) — search "paul simon dion" (3:29).

B-52s' (with Uptown Horns as studio musicians, not in this music video shoot to the recorded music) "Love Shack" — search "b-52s' love shack" (4:19).

Buster Poindexter's "Hot Hot Hot" — search "buster poindexter hot" (4:12).

E Street Band (yes, often Springsteen's players) and Darlene Love (with the Miami Horns), music video for movie *Home Alone 2*, "Alone on Christmas" — search "alone on christmas darlene love" (4:25).

Rolling Stones IMAX movie, *Live at the Max* from the Steel Wheels Tour — As posted on YouTube, this is Part 6, consisting of the finale, "I Can't Get No Satisfaction" (which really gets going when Keith Richards starts his guitar solo and the horns turn it up) and then everyone taking a bow together. High energy, great video and audio. Crank it up, then go buy the DVD. (In case anyone is looking at the movie in one piece and wants to find this, note that each part (except the last) as posted is 15:01) — search "rolling stones live at the max part 6" (9:43).

Ray Charles, "Mess Around," solo by Armo at 1:44 — search "ray charles legends mess around" (3:01).

Armo, and Jerry Lee Lewis, Little Richard, Ray Charles, B.B. King, James Brown, Fats Domino, Bo Diddley, Dave Edmunds, the rest of the Uptown Horns and others jamming together (Rome 1989, that's Italian in the beginning) — search "lewis richard charles king" (8:50).

J Geils Band's "I Do" (another great up-tempo) — search "j geils i do live" (3:08).

And here are two questions for you as you reflect: What song defined our generation? What song was your favorite while at the College?

In 2010, John Borek released his latest album, *The Professor of Rap*. It has some thoughtful, literate lyrics. Among others I like is:

"Andy Warhol, what did you do
To all the young people entrusted to you

"They danced off of buildings
and o.d.'ed on junk

"So you could do silkscreens
and prefigure punk."

You can download the album free at theprofessorofrap.com. The beats are by Brandon McNeil.

John is a conceptual artist. You can read an entertaining profile in the *Rochester Democrat and Chronicle* at rocnw.com/article/arts/20105230315, which includes John's conceptualist credo as, "Think the illogical through to the logical."

Maybe we can get Armo and John to jam together. Now that would be meta-conceptual.

Remember back 44 Septembers ago, and the feelings we had, including of adventure, as we entered Columbia College. We are still connected. See ya at reunion!

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Jerry Lynch writes, "The biggest news here is that this August, my wife, Karen, and I celebrated the wedding of our son, Chris '02, to Katie Wilson, in Townsend, Tenn., in the Great Smoky Mountains. It was a delightful occasion, further enhanced by the presence of Brian Rosner and Bob Hynes. Chris, a recent graduate of Yale Law School, is dealing with much the same transition I am: He clerked last year for a federal district judge and this year is clerking for a court of appeals judge in Pasadena. Like me, he finds the appellate job intellectually stimulating but misses the action of a trial court. The only downside to any of this is that the happy couple are now transferred across the continent to Los Angeles."

Jerry continues as a judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit and as the Paul J. Kellner Professor of Law at Columbia.

Arnold Horowitz retired from the State Department in 2005. He lives in Arlington, Va., and works on terrorism issues on the Beltway. Having gotten a late start in raising a family, his boys are now 13 and 14. "The younger is interested in making the NBA, the older in philosophy, but both career choices are likely to change several times in the years ahead. Our family enjoys visiting Manhattan. Rucker Park in Harlem was the highlight of our last visit. We are happy to see the many ways Manhattan has changed for the better and rejoice that Tom's Diner still is there. I mourn the demise of the Green Tree. I am in touch occasionally with Warren Cook, Henry Herfindahl and Steve Hirschfeld."

Prior to embarking on his State

Department career, Arnold earned a Ph.D. in history from Yale and an M.P.A. in international affairs from Harvard's Kennedy School of Government.

Shep Hurwitz sent greetings at a B-52s' "from a snowy North Carolina. Here in Chapel Hill, they call Columbia blue 'Carolina blue.' " After many years at the University of Virginia, Shep moved in 2008 to UNC, where he is professor of orthopedic surgery. He also is executive director of The American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery.

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Another decade, another column. Perhaps that is as it should be...

Joel Pfister is the Kenan Professor of the Humanities and chair of the Department of English at Wesleyan, and from May to July this year will be a visiting scholar at the John F. Kennedy Institute of North American Studies at the Freie Universität Berlin; he hopes to complete his book on American literature from Ben Franklin to the Modernists while there.

Marc Gross married his college sweetheart (Susan Ochshorn '75 Barnard); 30 years hence, they share four 20-somethings; three artists and a doctor-in-training. Marc is senior partner at Pomerantz, Haudke, Grossman & Gross; he's been there since his graduation from NYU Law in '76. His specialty is securities class actions against corporations on behalf of U.S. and foreign pension funds that have been defrauded, and class actions against insurance companies on behalf of undercompensated doctors. They lived in Brooklyn for years (Sunset Park) but now live 10 blocks from the campus. Marc enjoyed "seeing Columbia students spill out into the streets celebrating Obama's victory, a fleeting reminder of when we took to the streets for quite other reasons."

The redoubtable Michael Shapiro is in his eighth season as music director and conductor of the Chappagua Orchestra. His latest accomplishments are writing a score for a new NBC crime series that should be airing as you read this, working on his second symphony, having the Western premiere of his orchestral piece *Roller Coaster* last summer and having his *Peace Variations* for solo violin recorded by violinist Tim Fain, which will be out this year.

James Minter's flight path is like being in a travelogue: Russia, Ukraine and Georgia in the spring; Vancouver, Victoria, Calgary, Hal-

ifax, Toronto, London, Paris, Istanbul, Athens and Monaco in the fall, all in the service of "spreading the gospel according to Columbia."

James especially enjoyed London because he got to see Mitch Freinberg and his daughter, Charlotte '10. The word from our Alumni Office is an expected 30,000-plus (!) applications this year, so James will not have eaten or slept from December (when his e-mail arrived) until April. (Tis a non-connection devoutly to be... avoided. Let's wish him sanity.)

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Please note my new abbreviated e-mail address. Why not try it out by, say, sending me an update on what's going on in your life? Subtle?

It recently occurred to me that there has been a strange reversal in our cosmos during the past four decades. Most of us remember the ever-present war protest chant, "One, two, three, four. We don't want your 'friggin' war!" (This is a family publication, after all.) Some of you might recall the second line: "Five, six, seven, eight. Organize and smash the state!" (Extra credit if you can stimulate your synapses to bring back the *third* line: "Three, five, seven, nine. Do it again if you have some time!" But I digress.) These were phrases exclaimed by the Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) and other "leftist" students. Somehow "smashing the state" seems now to be one of the central themes of the far-right Tea Party. Well, at least the left and the right can agree on something, even if it takes nearly half a century!

A press release arrived late last year announcing the latest career evolution of Larry Silverman. Formerly a partner of the Covington & Burling law firm, Larry has joined

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Bracewell & Giuliani, an international law firm with more than 470 lawyers, as head of its New York civil litigation practice. The focus of his work is on representing corporations and investment firms in commercial litigation (including securities class actions, derivative suits and antitrust litigation). Larry also has an active entertainment law practice.

Among Larry's high-profile achievements were his representation of real estate giant Brookfield Asset Management in the successful takeover of the World Trade Center and his defense of the Henson family when Disney was trying to commandeer the rights to the Muppets following Jim Henson's death. Larry also has handled litigation for French film producer Luc Besson (*La Femme Nikita*) and Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi (in a defamation case involving Ivanka Trump).

We wish Larry well in this exciting new phase of his legal career!

If there is one classmate who can best be called a "serial entrepreneur," it might be Will Willis. Following graduation, Will earned an M.B.A. at Columbia and then went on to head (and often turn around) companies as diverse as Jeno's Pizza (the national frozen foods company) and sewer pipe retrofitter Insituform (a listed company). Along the way, he wrote two well-received books and is working on a third ("not going as fast as I would like ... day job keeps getting in the way of my writing"). The day job he refers to might be the new ventures housed under the Willis and Associates Law Group umbrella. This is a collection of environmental companies in four "green" industries (wind energy, surface disinfectants for the food industry, truck fleet oil management and — don't even ask me what this involves — "Eco-Tabs Grease Trap Tabs." Somehow, it doesn't seem right to mix careers involving sewers, grease traps and frozen pizza!

Seems like it was five or more years ago that Will wrote in that he was hunting for a retirement home in Costa Rica. Well, he still lives (and works) in Palm Beach Gardens, Fla. Score retirement as one of his fine failures. However, Will should earn an offsetting point for being a proud parent. A recent e-mail ended with, "Last September, Paul and Kevin Ward joined me in Vermont to see me marry off my third daughter."

Sometimes I find postings from classmates on Facebook about the achievements of the children that they might be reluctant to send in. For example, I learned that Nicole Amy Rabbat, daughter of Al Rab-

bat (retired managing director of NationsBank Capital Management, living in New Jersey), launched a fragrance called Stiletto (it comes in a shoe-inspired bottle) and recently was featured in *Seventeen* magazine. Barry Klayman (partner of the Cozen O'Connor law firm in Wilmington, Del.) was teasing of the coming documentary of "the iconic Chinese contemporary artist Ai Weiwei," that was produced by his daughter, Alison Klayman. (I also liked that Barry listed, on his Facebook page, *The Electric Kool Aid Acid Test* — a '60s book about Ken Kesey and LSD — as one of his favorite books). Feel free to send in news of what your kids are up to. Your old College friends would love to hear.

Ralph Coti (partner at Coti & Suggie in downtown New York) posted a Facebook note in the waning days of the past year: "Two thousand-ten is almost over. The century is 10 percent toast. It seems like only yesterday that we were worrying about the world-wide computer/communication meltdown which would result from 'Y2K.' And when we were kids, the year 1999 was synonymous with some time in the far distant future which for all practical purposes was never going to come."

I still am trying to deal with the fact that 1984 was written about a far away time that is now more than a quarter-century ago.

A last amusing Facebook item came from the surprising entry in early January from Tim Marcovy (partner of Willacy, LoPresti & Marcovy law firm in Cleveland). I read from his posting: "Timothy is married." Divorce and remarriage is certainly nothing unusual among our generation, but the lack of any further details made me suspicious (as did the "ha ha" comments from other Facebook members who addressed him as "Dad"). Ever vigilant, I called Tim and learned that he had only recently joined Facebook in order to see the European vacation pictures of one of his kids. In haste, he had neglected to check off the "married" button on his profile. After months of ridicule from his off-spring, he finally went in to correct this, little knowing that a change in his profile would create a posting on "the wall." Tim confirmed to me that "My marital status hasn't changed in 35 years — and still married to the same woman." Good to have that cleared up!

Well, there you have it. The Tea Party borrowing a page from the SDs, classmates — and their children — launching new careers, and "social media" infiltrating the hallowed pages of *Columbia College Today*. Just don't expect me to send you daily updates via Twitter!

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Richard Einhorn wants to let you know about his latest release, excerpts from *The Origin*, a large multimedia celebration of the work and life of Charles Darwin. The music is performed by the incredible singers of Kitka, an all-female Balkan vocal ensemble. While it may seem like an unusual pairing, Charles Darwin and the Balkan musical tradition, Richard felt certain that they were the perfect choice to represent Darwin's personal side. They met the challenge of using Balkan vocal techniques while singing in English with tremendous enthusiasm and total commitment. Richard took immense pleasure doing the research for *The Origin*. Paraphrasing text for a bit: "Darwin was an exceptionally fine writer, with a well-honed, but little-noticed, sense of humor including a propensity for puns and in-jokes, even in his most abstruse scientific writing. Musicians are notorious punsters so this was a wonderful thing to discover — *A Taste For Collecting Beetles*, which retells a hilarious anecdote from Charles' autobiography, literally wrote itself. Darwin could also be a seriously moving writer, as the memorial he wrote after his beloved daughter Annie died at 10 shows." Richard goes on to say that as a CC student, he learned not only how to research a subject in depth, but also that he enjoyed researching a subject in depth! His major vocal pieces including *The Origin* are an opportunity to indulge his desire to ferret out unusual, and unusually beautiful, texts. Since he lives near Columbia, Richard frequents the music library on occasion to read through scores and magazines. Without the pressure of a final exam or paper looming, he claims it's an incredibly pleasurable experience. For more, point to richardeinhorn.com.

Continuing his commitment to the rural, poor and underserved community of Zamora-Chinchipe Province, Ecuador, Serle Epstein has spent several weeks of each of the last 10 years working at the Clinica Misional Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe. When not there, he continues to recruit and raise funds for and provide advice to them from afar. For more information about the clinic, go to guadalupec.org. And, of course, if you can contribute funds, volunteer time or support the clinic in any other way, he wants to hear from you! Serle is a private practitioner of internal medicine and primary care and associate professor of internal

medicine at the Yale School of Medicine.

I have not heard from Dore Gold recently, but do know from the media that the former Israeli U.N. ambassador attended the Hague hearings in October.

William McGuinness was co-author of a recent article in the *New York Law Journal*. He is the chair of the Litigation Department for Fried Frank in the New York City office.

Not ones to miss a good Homecoming, Bob Schneider and his wife, Regina Mulahy, also attended the Homecoming Weekend at Penn last fall. Bob is a Quaker by way of his Wharton M.B.A. (1979). Because daughter Meg is an undergrad at Penn, they had even more reason to attend. Bob is the class correspondent for his class for *Wharton Magazine*. (Of course, you know he should be listed as co-author of these notes as well, but he always has demurred!)

And, of course, you know what time of year it is. If you received a call from a classmate in 2010 and made a donation to the Columbia College Fund, thank you! If not, expect a call or follow-up before June. Please be as generous as you can. You also may give online: college.columbia.edu/giveonline.

And, send me some stuff yourselves, so I don't have to always rely on Bob!

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Gordon Bock writes from Northfield, VT, to announce the birth to his wife, Kathleen, of their third daughter, Samantha Israel, born on July 1 at 9 lbs., 6 oz. Samantha joins sisters Hadarah (9), a violinist with the Green Mountain Youth Symphony as well as a budding ballerina, and Gabrielle (2), who, unable to pronounce "Samantha," is the author of her sister's official nickname, Minty. Congratulations, Gordon and Kathleen, and welcome to the ranks of other '76ers having children somewhat later in life.

Keep those cards and letters (and e-mails and Facebook updates) coming, folks.

Actor Robert Wisdom '76 Brings Depth to His Roles

By AMANDA ERICKSON '08

Robert Wisdom '76 got his big break in the form of a misdialed phone number.

He was trying to make it as an actor in Los Angeles when he received a call from a casting director, who had accidentally called Wisdom about an open part. "I didn't have an agent or anything," Wisdom says. "I didn't know what kind of film it was. But I called her back and said, 'Look, I'm an actor, I heard you're looking for someone.'"

She brought him in, and he got the part in *Clean Slate*, a 1994 mystery that starred James Earl Jones and Kevin Pollak. It would be the first of many serendipitous breaks for Wisdom, who from 2003–08 played Bunny Colvin, a Baltimore cop who grows increasingly frustrated with his city's war on drugs in the critically acclaimed HBO series *The Wire* and who has appeared in the films *Ray*, *Storytelling*, *Barbershop 2* and *The Forgotten*, among others.

Wisdom didn't set out to be an actor. He discovered performing during his senior year at the College, when he signed up for a theater class on a whim. "My professor (Aaron Frankel) said, 'You know, you could be good at this,'" Wisdom says. "But I didn't take it seriously."

Instead, he began a career in banking, although he kept up with acting classes as a hobby (and even starred as Nat Turner in a summer stock production). A few years later, Wisdom returned to his hometown of Washington, D.C., and took a job with National Public Radio as a producer for *All Things Considered*.

Wisdom then shifted gears again, producing music and theater festivals for art museums.

That job took him to London, where a director friend encouraged him to pursue acting more seriously. He began auditioning for shows on the side, though he still didn't consider performing a full-time profession. "How to break in was the farthest thing from my imagination," he says. "It was just something that I loved to do."

Wisdom landed his first gig in 1990 as the star of a new show at the Bush Theatre in London. The hitch was that rehearsals conflicted with his day job at London's Institute of Contemporary Art. So he called his staff to tell him he was rethinking his hours — he would come to work at the end of the day and work until the middle of the night.

That show turned Wisdom into a full-time aspiring actor. During the next several years, he performed in regional theaters throughout England and Scotland. Family pressures eventually brought him back to the United States, and he settled in Los Angeles in 1993 to help a friend plan a music festival. It was there he received that fateful phone call for *Clean Slate*, which led to roles in *The Heist*, *Mighty Joe Young* and *That Thing You Do!*

One of Wisdom's first film parts was as a waiter in the British television series *Agatha Christie's Poirot*. Though he had only a few lines, Wisdom says he did serious preparation, hanging out at restaurants and developing a back story. He so successfully brought the character to life that a friend told him he thought Wisdom was a major character.

"It meant that human being I was playing came alive," Wisdom says. "I'm always trying to figure out how to bring life to



Robert Wisdom '76 turned his hobby of acting into a fulfilling career.

what's on the page."

When considering parts, Wisdom says, he looks for compelling characters and good stories. "With a lot of parts, you're given a last name and that's it. You can't really make that part colorful," he says. He attributes this passion in part to the focus on humanities at Columbia and St. Albans, his Washington, D.C., high school. "I learned how to read and how to take in narratives and stories," he says of his education.

Wisdom turned down athletics scholarships for track at other colleges and chose Columbia because of the focus and depth of the education. He majored in history and sociology and feels lucky to have had his education shaped by deans Peter Pouncey '69 GSAS and Harry Coleman '46. But it was a course he took for the light workload his senior year, "Acting 101," that most shaped his future; the professor encouraged him to reach beyond the easy grade and really work at

becoming an actor.

To that end, one of his best-known roles was that of Colvin on *The Wire*. "Bunny was one of the most fulfilling characters of my career," Wisdom says. "There was so much depth to him."

Wisdom has continued to work steadily since that series ended in 2008, guest-starring in television shows such as *Supernatural*, *How I Met Your Mother* and *Law & Order: Special Victims Unit*. He was a regular last summer and fall on *Burn Notice*, a spy thriller in which he played Vaughn, a CIA handler.

"More than anything, I would say Bob knows how to be present as a man, with all the complexities and contradictions that come with that," says Academy Award-nominated director Oren Mover, who is working on a movie with Wisdom. "To me, he is a very emotional actor, someone who can show you an interior life in surprising ways, mostly because he never seems to be trying too hard to do that. It just pours out of the depths of his experience and talent."

Though Wisdom has chosen a notoriously challenging field, he says he tries not to obsess about career security. "An actor always worries whether they'll work again," he concedes. But Wisdom says he welcomes the challenge of finding new parts to inhabit. "I like to finish work and go into that empty space and begin again. I like looking at the world through different lenses."

To see a clip of Wisdom as Bunny Colvin on *The Wire*, go to college.columbia.edu/cct.

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Supplementary to last column's David Friend report, I received a

interesting item that appeared in the December *Broadcasting & Cable* newsletter about how the s.v.p. for news at CBS is going about hiking the ratings of the radio and television stations belonging to the group. If I understand correctly,

this involves keeping track of what works best in particular markets and venues, and attempting to translate that success elsewhere: We're talking about a lot of monitoring, resource, content- and talent-sharing, and in short, networking

within the network. I enjoy finding out nuts-and-bolts stuff like this, which I would otherwise never hear about.

Otherwise, though, no news is something less than good news for this forum. In 2011, as always,

I aim to share with our classmates your plans (and for that matter hopes, dreams and anxieties) as well as your accomplishments. So keep us posted.

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The big snow we had in Connecticut in January (22 inches in New Haven) brought to mind for all the weatherman on TV the famous blizzard of 1978, which certainly impacted us on campus long ago. I remember I had driven back from winter recess and my car (a lovely 1967 Fiat 124 Spider) was snowed in on West 114th Street for two weeks. How wonderful to have free parking in New York—even if I couldn't see my car under the snow banks.

Chuck Callan was inspired to send this very touching piece: "I had the great fortune of visiting our dear Professor Karl-Ludwig Selig. Thanks to a submission to the November/December Class Notes by Lou Orfanella '82, I was able to track down the Quixote maestro."

"He asked me to convey to our class that, although he is slowed physically by health concerns, his mind and devotion to intellectual pursuits are as keen as they were 30 years ago. Upon seeing him for the first time since 1978, I reminded Professor Selig that the last thing I did when leaving the campus after graduation was to ask him for a suggested reading list."

"At the time, he recommended I read the works of Mann, Stendhal, Flaubert, Balzac, Joyce, Dáfoe, Marquise, Proust and James, among others. Then I told him that the purpose of my current visit was to let him know that I finished the list and, as a result, I was back for more. He said simply, 'That's marvelous, now read them again.' I was humbled but not altogether surprised. Wisdom, I suppose, is like happiness: It's there right in front of us. We need only open our eyes to find it. He then added, 'Don't just "read" the works, encounter them.' He also wanted me to convey to the class how very much he would enjoy seeing you."

"If any of you would like to visit Professor Selig, send me an e-mail (chuck.callan@broadridge.com), and I will forward his contact details. New Year's resolution: Make time for people and, as he said, do it soon."

Thanks, Chuck. That's great. Sometimes your humble scribe has reasons to be extra humble. A few columns ago I misread an organizational masthead and ended up marrying off a classmate to his deputy at work. What made it worse is that he mentioned his wife in his

note to the column. Shall I just say sorry? Yale fills in the details himself: **Yale J. Reiser.** "Grateful as I am to you for not only having published what I wrote, but also for having made a favorable comment in response, I'm afraid I must nonetheless quibble just a bit with the version you published."

"You see, I don't actually have two wives simultaneously, as your version would make it appear. Much as you might think that my life is not as dull as I claim, neither it is quite as exciting as you make it out to be!"

"My one and only wife remains Helise E. Lieberman. My lovely and highly capable work colleague Anna Przybyszewska Drozdz, however—although I probably spend as much time with her as with Helise—is actually someone else's wife."

"In this age of Google and such, published accounts of my apparent bigamy are not likely to do me much good. You might want to set this straight in your next column."

"I assume that it was the automatic signature that might have misled you, but not every amperand is a *shidduch!*"

Don't let this mistake keep you from writing. I promise to be more careful from now on.

Did you see where Columbia trails only Harvard as the alma mater of Fortune 500 CEOs? I am waiting for us to join the list soon. Happy spring and be in touch soon.

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Glen Savits updates us with performing arts news. His son, Gabriel Gavrin-Savits, graced the stage during the holiday season having "completed another successful run in New Jersey Ballet's production of *The Nutcracker*. He played Clara's envious brother Fritz and was reviewed by *The Star-Ledger* as having 'led the boy's dance elegantly.'" Congratulations to the Savits family!

Rediscovering Mathematics is the title of a new textbook by **Shai Simonson**, a mathematics and computer science professor at Stonehill College in Easton, Mass. The text is written for a general audience, particularly those interested in math or those who want to try math all over again. The book also is aimed at teachers who want to create a new generation of mathematically literate students. Shai's new text, published by the Mathematical Association of America, is based on his experience teaching in middle school.

Shai also is co-author of *Java Pro-*

gramming: From the Ground Up, a college-level introduction for computer science and Java programming, published in 2009.

On the homefront, Shai lives in Sharon, Mass., with his wife, Andrea, and their children, Zosh, Yair and Yona. He adds, "My two older sons are starting to look at colleges. Life is too fast. Best to all!"

News from Robert Richman: "My oldest daughter, Emma, bought me a duvet in navy blue."

Robert C. Klapper: "This month's column is about Rodney Dangerfield. Just to get you started, he's the guy who said, 'I just joined Alcoholics Anonymous... I'm still drinking... but under another name.' I mention this comic genius because my financial struggles as a college student involved rubbing two nickels together in hope that a dime would pop out. Somehow in my four years I managed to scrape enough together to take some poor unsuspecting Barnard girl to Dangerfield's newly opened club in Manhattan. What I experienced was one of the greatest two-hour laughs—thats that is still near and dear to my heart, including my date, who tried to throw an ashtray (remember those?) at the stage during one of Dangerfield's classic one-liners. Since I've now discovered the magic of YouTube, I recently got to go back in time to our tenure and hear those lines all over again: 'My wife's cooking is so bad... we pray after the meal.'"

"I not only hope this column shakes some nouns from your memory of our years at the College, but also that you check out YouTube to brighten up your day."

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Spring is in the air, and we cannot wait till the melting snow gives way to buds on the trees in Central Park. I trust you all had a productive start to the new year. I commend basketball coach Kyle Smith on the start of his first season, as the boys have played with enthusiasm and passion. They have been exciting to watch. Baseball, under Coach Brett Boretz, got under way with trips to Alabama and Florida, and we are looking for another big season from our team. Robertson Field at Satow Stadium is a thing of beauty and definitely worth taking a trip to Baker Athletics Complex to see. In addition, in mid-April, we will honor longtime baseball advisory member **Eric Blattman** by naming a new locker room after him—a well deserved honor for a great guy.

The pros from Dover (remember the original *M*A*S*H*), **Scott Ahearn**, **Joe Culla**, **Shawn FitzGerald** and I, traveled to Kiawah Island for some golf and mayhem. The golf courses and setting are spectacular in South Carolina, but you really need to bring your A game. We did our best to keep the ball in the fairway and make the occasional putt, but in the end, the course won! Hopefully, we will dominate the football golf outing once again as we take on our teammates from 1979 and 1981.

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On a personal note, after 30 of working for large Wall Street firms, I decided to establish an independent practice as part of Dynasty Financial Partners, a firm that is in the business of providing support to large registered investment advisers. I am joined by Charles Britton '05 and Amanda Carlson-Kerley '04.

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Can't you feel it? Be honest. You can feel it. You're getting all tingly at the prospect of coming back to campus for our reunion this spring. **Erik Jacobs** sure is feeling it. Erik is even willing to put aside his avocation as "budtender" for a few days to join us. So we got that going for us. Need I say more? Perhaps it's better if I say more. Rather, here's a roll call from far and near:

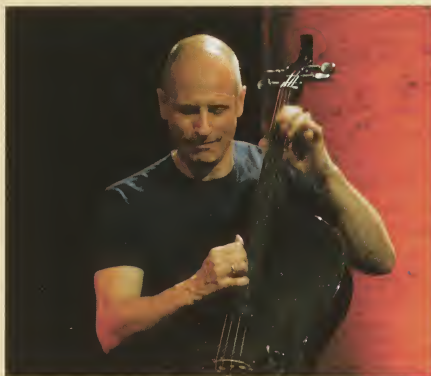
Cellist Erik Friedlander '82 Plays an Uncommon Tune

By MARYAM PARHIZKAR '09

Cellist Erik Friedlander '82 has much to tell about how his life as a musician has progressed since his years as a student, and he speaks with the same excitement and nostalgia that can be heard in his cello playing. "With New York it's touch-and-go because I think, here, I'm kind of a home-boy," he explains. "The greatest influences I have were people I worked with along the way, and I made a point to learn as much [as possible] from them."

Friedlander has become a major player in New York's downtown experimental music scene, recognized for his innovative work as a cellist and frequently sought as a musician across genres. He has collaborated with the likes of John Zorn, John Darnielle's Mountain Goats, Courtney Love, and most recently, Marty Ehrlich's Rites Quartet at Columbia's Miller Theatre.

Friedlander's independent projects deserve their own praise, exemplifying how he has taken the cello and redefined the sound that it is capable of producing. His 2007 album, *Block Ice and Propane*, inspired by the long cross-country summer trips he took with his family as a child, was reviewed by *The New York Times* in 2007 as "the avant-cello album of the summer." Heavily inspired by American roots music, the compositions elicit the nostalgic road trip experience with unconventional string tunings and plucked strings. Friedlander turned to his experience with the guitar as a child and his performances with jazz bass players as inspiration. "I feel I have an understanding of how to shape music when I'm using pizzicato [plucking the strings with fingers] in a way that I maybe don't have with the bow," he says. He has applied the same techniques to his Broken Arm Trio, a project inspired by bassist Oscar Pettiford's own experiments with pizzicato.



Erik Friedlander '82 puts the cello bow down for his *Block Ice and Propane* project.

PHOTO: ROLAND ROSSBRACHER

Despite his success, Friedlander speaks humbly of his beginnings as a musician. Raised in Rockland County, he began playing the guitar at 5 and picked up the cello at 8, through his public elementary school's music program. At Columbia, he studied in the music department with cellist Mark Shulman and played in the University Orchestra as well as several student-led "fringe" groups and at the Aspen Music Festival in the summers.

"In the beginning, I used to wonder why he wasn't in a traditional music school," says P.D. Villarreal '82, his freshman roommate. "But, in time, I came to see that Erik was benefiting from his time at Columbia just as much as I was. He didn't want to be just a musician; he wanted to be an educated human being who also was a great musician."

Friedlander's excitement for music rose after he fell in with an older group of jazz players in downtown New York. "It was such an exciting experience for me to play with these musicians that I was always petering on, declaring to myself that

I would become a musician in my professional life," he says.

Halfway through his Columbia degree, Friedlander decided to dedicate himself to music. He dropped the basketball team and declared music as his major.

"Although Erik was a good basketball player, especially in clutch situations, I don't think basketball was ever a serious threat to music in his life," Villarreal says. "Basketball was fun. Music is a basic part of who Erik is."

Friedlander began a long, "exciting and painful" process of "tearing down old technique and building it back up again — you know, a lot of hours practicing." After graduation, he spent a large amount of time reworking his technique so that he could become a working musician. "I ended up not being good enough at the time to continue playing with the kind of jazz players I was playing with," he explains, so he sought work as a classical freelance musician. For many years he played in pick-up orchestras, studios and Broadway gigs. "As it turns out, it was 'be careful what you wish for,'" Friedlander explains. "I wasn't

keeping track of where my heart was and what I needed to do to stay creative."

With this realization and his new technique, Friedlander began improvising with greater effort, performing with groups at the Knitting Factory and other New York venues. After meeting Zorn and playing on several of his projects, including the Masada String Trio, Friedlander began experiencing greater visibility on the scene, as he did under several other band leaders. "That's the trajectory that has continued," he says. "I started out being a sideman, and gradually started to lead my own bands and learn about that as well."

Friedlander lives in Manhattan with his wife, choreographer Lynn Shapiro, and daughter, Ava. He has been busy with several projects lately, including a tour with the Broken Arm Trio and a performance with Zorn again at the Abrons Arts Center in the past year. *Block Ice and Propane*, his biggest breakthrough to date, was reissued at the Spoleto Festival in Charleston, S.C., in June. The multimedia performance included a film made for the project by Bill Morrison and old photographs taken by his parents, including his father, celebrated photographer Lee Friedlander. His latest CD, *Fifty Miniatures for Improvising Quartet*, was released in September by Skip-Stone Records.

Looking back at his career, Friedlander explains, "The path I took as a musician was trying to become relevant — I don't think I conceptualized it back then, but I see it now, and I wanted to be busy."

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According to the latest Wikileaks, **Phil Frayne** is a foreign service officer serving as the director of the Office of Press and Public Diplomacy in the Near East Bureau of the State Department. He recently returned from a year as the embassy spokesman in Baghdad. He and his family live in Bethesda, Md. Phil sends greetings to former WKCR sports colleagues John Metaxas '80, **Mark Becker**, **Barry Waldman**, **Gary Cohen** and **George Stephanopoulos** '82.

Daniel Gordis has good news/bad news. His daughter Talia was married in March in Jerusalem, where they live. That's the good news. Unfortunately, Talia had to put up with a visit from his Carman roommate, **Lewis Horowitz**, who flew out for the occasion. Talk about a crisis in the Middle East. Happily, through the years Daniel has perfected the art of appearing to listen when Lewis speaks.

Other news from Daniel: Stanford University Press is publishing his next book, *The Politics of Jewish Identity: Conversion, Law, and Policy in 19th and 20th Century Orthodox Responsa*, which he co-authored with Professor David Ellenson.

Joseph Sbiroli reports a welcome stability: "I own and operate a NYC real estate development and management firm, Ventura Land Corp., and live in Locust Valley, Long Island, with my wife and two young sons. The most interesting development is that, after 29 years, there now is another Sbiroli roaming the campus. My niece, Emily, started the post-bac pre-med program in January. Time marches."

Joe's buddy **Michael Strauss** and family are celebrating the acceptance of Michael's son, Matthew, to the Class of 2015. Michael writes: "Matthew has wanted to attend the College since he started going to basketball games with me at 10. After all the anticipation and waiting, he can finally take a deep breath. My wife, Marianne '87 Wellesley, and I couldn't be more proud. He's really a great kid. As for me, after attending the Law School and a brief stint at a Wall Street law firm, I moved back to Port Jefferson in the mid-1980s and have had my own law practice ever since. I am mostly involved in real estate, development and zoning work. I've also developed a golf addiction during the past 20 years. My wife has raised our three children — aside from Matthew, Elizabeth (19) studies theater arts and Caroline (14) is an artist/writer in training. Caroline and I spent Thanksgiving in Paris."

Jeorg Schwartz is practicing architecture in New York. Jeorg, who is self-employed, notes that "the hours are good but the boss is a problem. I do not specialize, but the work that

comes my way tends to be private apartments and small houses, with an occasional office space. I share my life with fashion designer Yoohlee. In the last year, we've had the pleasure of working with the CFDA and the Design Trust for Public Space to chart a new future for New York's Carment District."

Athol Morgan has added a faculty position at Maryland to his already voluminous resume. Athol is president and CEO of One Heart LLC in Baltimore. What follows is just a small excerpt from Athol's CV:

"Dr. Morgan is the interim chief of cardiology at Bon Secours Hospital in West Baltimore. He also is an instructor in the Department of Medicine at Johns Hopkins and also serves on the admissions committee, where he helps ensure that qualified minority students are given a fair chance in the admissions process. He also teaches cardiology to the residents in the Department of Family Practice at the University of Maryland School of Medicine. He regularly gives lectures in cardiology at medical conferences, meetings and grand rounds. Dr. Morgan is a past president of the Baltimore affiliate of the American Heart Association. He is the co-host of the popular radio show *Health Talk* on the Caribbean Exchange on WEEA 88.9 FM. He is a member of the Caribbean Cardiac Society and the Association of Black Cardiologists. He has recently been working with the government of Jamaica on healthcare initiatives involving Jamaica, the Jamaican Diaspora and institutions here in the United States. Dr. Morgan is a longstanding member of the Jamaica Association of Maryland. He is married and resides in Ellicott City, Md., with his wife, Lisa, and sons, Justin Winston and Miles Athol. His hobby and absolute passion is breeding and racing thoroughbred horses. He can often times be seen at Pimlico and Laurel Park cheering on his charges."

You know, all the usual stuff.

Noam Marans has been named director of interreligious and intergroup relations at the American Jewish Committee, an international Jewish advocacy organization. Rabbi Marans previously was associate director of interreligious and intergroup relations at AJC.

Rich Peltz reports that no less of an authority than his sister has volunteered that he's aging well. So, we know for sure that he's aging. Rich, who is an organist, made it through the holiday season without organ damage (ha-dum-bum).

Kris Kowledge writes from Seattle, where he has lived since 1993: "I attended Mt. Sinai School of Medicine and then moved to the Pacific Northwest for residency. Following

training in Boston and a couple of years in Cleveland, I moved to Seattle. I was on the faculty of the University of Washington for many years and since 2007, am based at Virginia Mason Medical Center in Seattle, where I am director, Center for Liver Disease, and director of research, Digestive Disease Institute. I am married and have a daughter (12). I am an avid cyclist and wine collector in my spare time. I would be very interested in hearing from any classmates who remember me."

And finally, kudos to **Kevin Bilms**, who upheld the Columbia tradition of sports excellence by beating Jared the Subway guy in the NYC marathon. Kevin, who trained on little chocolate donuts, files this update: "Well, I did it, and I finished, final time 5:11 (that's hours and minutes, not days and hours)! The world record holder for marathons dropped out of the race in the 16th mile, so I am claiming that I beat the world record holder. I also passed Jared Fogle (the Subway sandwich pitchman) at around the 22nd mile. I guess all of those subs slowed him down. I wore a Columbia shirt while running the race. The Columbia blue stood out in the crowd."

See you all in June. Meantime, send updates, empty promises and threats to jspondyk@gmail.com.

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Gentlemen, I am delighted to discover that my threat to inflict the malevolent auditory violence of a neophyte violinist has paid dividends. My son, Henry, nonetheless, sits in wait patiently applying rosin, while down-tuning his E string a quarter tone for maximum effect. Thankfully, our talented and thoughtful classmate **Ira Tattelman** wrote in with news of both his, and our other accomplished classmate **William Megevik's**, half-centennial birthdays. In Ira's words:

"Two-thousand-ten is the year I turned 50. November 15 to be exact. I'd been looking forward to it — a milestone for someone who lives a fairly privileged life with a good amount of emotional, intellectual and financial success. I'm an architect, artist and writer in Washington, D.C."

"The celebration started with a trip to Provence in September. My close friend **William E. Megevik Jr.** also turned 50 in November. He's a lawyer in New York City, and we took off for a five-day bike trip, self-guided, from Avignon to Arles and back. We took in the scenery, food and our enjoyment in having a chance to spend time together."

We are the same as we were back in college and yet, quite different. Our friendship is the constant through the various jobs, relationships and cities we have experienced."

"November was my month of learning — exhibits, lectures and movies at the Kennedy Center, Building Museum, Smithsonian American Art Museum, National Portrait Gallery, Goethe House, Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden, Phillips, DCJCC, even a street corner in Adams Morgan. I also took in a performance of Steve Reich music, a play at Signature Theatre and mojitos at a new bar on the birthday night. Indeed, I went out almost every night and realized that while I miss aspects of New York, Washington, D.C., can keep me busy. Of course, November ended with a Thanksgiving weekend with my sisters and their families, the first year we have feasted without either of our parents alive. It's always nice to spend time with my siblings."

"The celebration culminated in January when Brett Abrams, my domestic partner of 19 1/2 years (he turned 50 in December), and I celebrated our 100 years with a party in downtown D.C. — live music, drink and food."

"It's been a great 50." Incidentally, I've done that bike ride and it's extraordinary. It should be on everyone's bucket list. So should the bulk of Ira's month of November. To all of you turning 50 this year, I wish you the very best. Take heart; after all, 50 is the new 47.

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Steven Greenfield published his list of top 100 albums for the decade (only a year late). I am noting the top 50 as follows: Arcade Fire, *Funeral*; Zuo 103, *Wholen*; Broken Social Scene, *You Forgot It In People*; Mundo Livre S/A, *For Povo*; Stars, *Set Yourself On Fire*; Zero 7, *The Garden*; Arcade Fire, *Neon Bible*; Radiohead, *Hail To The Thief*; Natalia Y Las Forquetinas, *Casa*; The Fiery Furnaces, *Bitter Tea*; Animal Collective, *Merriwether Post Pavilion*; Portishead, *Third*; Lcd Sound System, *Sound Of Silver*; Juana Molina, *Un Dia*; Brian Eno, *Another Day On Earth*; Tom Zé, *Jogos De Armaz*; Ozo-mati, *Street Signs*; Blur, *Think Tank*; Attercopelados, *Rio Kíngia*; Spector, *Begin To Hope*; School Of Seven Bells, *Alpinisms*; Blood Dancers, *Una Sangre/One Blood*; Gnarl Barkley, *St. Elsewhere*; Battles, *Mirrored*; Brazilian Girls, *Brazilian Girls*; Herbert, *Scale*; Burial, *Untrue*; Fanfare Ciocărlia, *Queens And Kings*; Alicia Keys, *The*

Diary of Alicia Keys: Corillaz, Demon Dings; Metric, Live It Out; Interpol, Our Love To Admire; Broadcast And The Focus Group, Broadcast And The Focus Group Investigate Witch Culls Of The Radio Age; Gomez, In Our Gun; Peter Gabriel, Up; Yo La Tengo, I Am Not Afraid Of You And I Will Beat Your Ass; Justice, f; Datarock, Datarock Datarock; Palms, It's Midnight In Honolulu; Radiohead, Kid A; Stars, In Our Bedroom After The War; Kate Bush, Aerial; Tinariwen, Amun Imun (Water Is Life); Zero 7, Yeah Ghost; M83, Saturdays = Youth; Forro In The Dark, Bonfires Of São João; Animal Collective, Strawberry Jam; Peter Bjorn And John, Writer's Block; Zucco 103, After The Carnival; and Sigur Rós, Ágætis Byrjun.

Kevin Chapman: "Two-thousand-ten was a busy and momentous year in the Chapman household. We were being busy and then some! Our family photo is from our August trip to Ocean City, Md. It was nice, relaxing quality time for the family. Ross is thriving as a high school freshman. He finished the fall marching band season and is one of only two freshmen to audition into the jazz band. Last spring, he traveled to Lacrosse, Wis., to participate in the Future Problem Solvers International Competition, where his middle school team came in eighth place out of 66 teams! Connor is a high school senior and is in the midst of applying to college. He plans to study computer science with a specialty in game design. He took a course for college credit on this topic last summer at Marist and received an A. Samantha is a senior at NYU, majoring in medieval and Renaissance studies. She plans to move to Massachusetts after graduation in May. Kevin is busy at work, still enjoys golf and is the umpire coordinator for the West Windsor Little League. Kevin and Sharon are keeping up with the construction of new Major League Baseball stadiums and took Ross to Minneapolis to see Target Field in May. Sharon kept her New Year's resolution by running the 2010 New York City Marathon! It took 6:12:20, but she did it. What's more, she raised \$6,214 for the Tug McGraw Foundation as a member of Team McGraw. It was a once-in-a-lifetime experience, and a great one. We hope that you and your families are well and that everyone has a happy, healthy and fulfilling 2011! Ya gotta believe."

Ken Chin and I have been exchanging e-mails in anticipation of our 25th Harvard Law School reunion this spring. Ken is a partner at Kramer Levin.

Jack Abuhoff is the CEO of Innodata Isogen. Jack and I have been trying to schedule a visit with Professor Karl-Ludwig Selig. Jack

writes, "Brittany (14), Katya (11) and Alexander (9) are doing great. Yes, planning to attend the HLS reunion (with the family in tow). I made a reservation at the Charles. I would have thought you'd be the president, and I'd be on the court, but it doesn't seem to have worked out that way. Not sure if you remember Harry Thomas, head resident at Jay during our time. He's become the U.S. Ambassador to the Philippines. I connected with him in Manila during my last visit there."

PR Newswire reports that **Ron Fiske**, former Fidelity e.v.p., joined Envestnet as managing director, strategic partnerships. At Envestnet, he will "focus on deepening the firm's relationships with its key distribution and technology partners as well as developing new relationships to broaden the capabilities and impact of the Envestnet platform, which recently has been enhanced with new features supporting more customized and comprehensive financial advice."

Wayne Root: "What a Thanksgiving at the Root home! Our daughter, Dakota, made a surprise visit from Harvard to join us. She had only four days off for holiday, and it made no sense to fly 3,000 miles from Boston to Vegas for only a two-day stay. But she missed her mom and dad and brothers and sister. And so she called and begged us to get her a ticket home. She arrived at our home at 1 p.m. to crying and hugging and her sister and little brothers mobbing her like a rock star! We didn't tell my wife Debra's mom, so it was a shock to her. What a reunion! The greatest Thanksgiving gift I've ever had."

Dr. Linus Abrams: "How about arranging a CC '83 event at the White House?"

Linus, maybe we can inquire about having the cocktail reception for our 30th reunion.

Michael Weinsier is the partner and co-chair of the Private Equity Group at Hughes, Hubbard & Reed.

From an article in the October 4 issue of *New York Magazine*, "Who Runs New York?," "15 CPW: Hedge funder **Daniel Loeb** paid \$45.8 million for a 10,674 square-foot, five-bedroom combination of two apartment units when the building had just begun sales in 2005."

Andrew Barth is a recipient of a 2010 John Jay Award for distinguished professional achievement. I planned to attend the Wednesday, March 2, dinner and will give a full update in the next issue. Andy is a tireless supporter of the College. Through his generosity, the first fully-endowed head coaching position was established at Columbia, the Andrew F. Barth Head Coach of Wrestling.

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Last November, **James Satloff** and a number of alumni from other years had an extremely pleasant dinner with Dean Michele Moody-Adams and her husband, Jim. The night was arranged and hosted by Victor Lopez-Balboa '82 at Braverly 8 1/2. The dean engaged in lively conversation with the eight or so attendees about the challenges and opportunities facing Columbia. Jim also reports that his high school-aged son Dustin has been engaging in some sports photojournalism at Robert K. Kraft Field. In fact, some of Dustin's images have been published in *Spectator*'s multi-media outlets, as well as some other Ivy League college papers that shall remain nameless. Dustin is looking for some on-field credentials in case any reader of this has pull with local teams.

Jim also advised that he is a supporter of the New York Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children, on whose board of directors sits **Frank Sommerfield**.

Dr. Stephen Kalder, former president and CEO of Ambrx, a San Diego-based biopharmaceutical company, has joined the board of directors of Furix, a drug development collaboration company.

In honor of his statement (in an errant e-mail) that **Phil Segal**, super sleuth (discussed in a previous column), serves as my Boswell (albeit, in the singing my praises way, and not the professional cum Michael Jackson/Rockwell/Police "somebody's watching me" way), I've decided to go all Sylvia Beach-y and let professional writer **John Maggs** run amok: "First update in 24 years, OK, a little overdue. The big news is the birth of Ariel Alexander Maggs on December 29, gratefully between brutal blizzards which in Washington, D.C., were treated like the Last Judgment (thank you Art Hum for making that reference possible). I married his mom, Sarah Kennel '92 Princeton, the previous June. Sarah is associate curator of photography at the National Gallery, where she has organized many shows and written books on Kertész, the Forest of Fontainebleau and a beautiful handbook on photographic processes. Just this month, her detective work in uncovering the secret life of French photographer Charles Marville was the subject of an admiring story in *Le Monde*, which called it 'Un Scoop.' This was music to my ears, as I learned few life skills at Columbia and have been scraping by since then searching for scoops as a reporter. I worked for 12 years

at the weekly *National Journal*, then in September took a job at *Politico*, the new media phenomenon that has been an exciting place to be. I am a member of the White House team, specializing in the economy. We live in a nondescript neighborhood on the east side of Rock Creek Park, the traditional race and class divide for Washington. Nearly as happy as we are for the advent of Ari has been his brother Luca (13), son of Aimee Imundo '85 Barnard, who had wondered whether he was ever going to get a sibling. Like Luca, who is towering over his mom and the short Mediterraneans on my side of the family, Ari seems destined to be a giant compared to his mother and father."

From the "We're most definitely getting older? file (and what's next, grandkids?)" **Marc Friedman** and his wife, Sarah Batya, have announced the wedding of their son Zalman to Rivi Lichtenstein. The nuptials were held in Jerusalem in January.

At Art Basel Miami 2010, a convergence of the international jet-set of art, fashion and theater, the Columbia Alumni Association once again held the soiree of the week.

With special thanks to Executive Director for Events and Programs Ilene Markay-Hallack, this writer had the great fortune to pal around by the pool of the Raleigh with none other than **Bernardo Brustein** (lifelong Miami Beach bum) and his lovely wife (of only eight days), Lynne Sharkey; **Dr. Douglas Mintz** and his partner, Lloyd Chen (at that time living in South Beach, overlooking Government Cut, now living in North Beach, overlooking Biscayne Bay); and dear friend and music industry mogul, Seth Schachner '85 and Allison, his amazing wife (attorney and advocate for special needs children). Regrets were sent by **Raul Trillo**, who had to go out of town. Thanks to all these dear friends for coping with this near exhausted (three months working as a sleeper for the art world's greatest event — 10 simultaneous art fairs — is no piece of *gaiten* (?) and *may boracho* columnist. Hey, the drinks were Columbia Blue, and potent, to boot!

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This update can best be titled "News from Overseas and Promotions."

On the overseas front, **William Wilfong's** company, Golden Land Property Development (where he has been CEO since 2006), won the grand prize as "Best Developer" at the 2010 Thailand Property Awards in November. The award was

brilliantly timed, as I had already informed my board that I would be stepping down at the end of the year, and this has allowed me to leave on a high note. It has been a wild ride here in Bangkok during the past five years (I certainly hope that last May's 'Red Shirt' protests will be the only time in my career that I need to barricade the office with barbed wire), and I am very proud of what we have been able to accomplish at Golden Land under some very challenging conditions. As I approach the 20th anniversary of my arrival in Southeast Asia, I am looking forward to some well-earned R&R before deciding where life's adventure will lead next."

Kevin Sturr and family (Aminata, and daughters, Claire Khadidia, Hawa Jennifer and Rougi Angela) made their first move off the African continent in the Foreign Service (after four years in Mali, four years in Senegal and the past four in Zimbabwe), with their posting in August to Dhaka, Bangladesh. "We're feeling a little like fish out of water but are adapting to south Asia. Kevin is the democracy and governance officer at the Embassy."

Denis Seaby is on leave for three years from Stockholm University to be visiting professor of (classical) Greek at Uppsala University, Sweden. He is involved in running a couple of research programs, such as the Ars Endendi (Art of Editing texts, not Art of Eating — depends on the vowel length) Programme at Stockholm University, and the Swedish end of an EU project, SAWS — Sharing Ancient Wisdoms (digitizing manuscripts of Greek and Arabic popular philosophy). Kings College London and the University of Vienna, Austria, are the other partners. His part is based in Uppsala. He is "chair" of the Alumni Representative Committee in Sweden (not many active alumni) and keeps up his Columbia contacts that way.

On the promotions front, this past fall, Vermont Governor Jim Douglas (R) announced the appointment of **Tim Tomasi** '88L to serve on the Superior Court of Vermont. Douglas noted that Tim was "respected among peers and brings experience, commitment and a clear understanding of the law to the bench." Tim has been an assistant U.S. attorney for the Vermont District. He was in the Office of the Attorney General of Vermont from 1994–2007, serving as chief of the Civil Division from 1999–2007.

Joe Titlebaum has been named general counsel at ION Media Networks, which owns and operates the largest broadcast television station group in the United States. Joe brings 20 years of media industry experience to his supervision of all of ION's legal and compliance

areas, including matters regarding public and regulatory reporting activities. "Joe's background with media growth businesses involving programming, distribution and spectrum gives him a great base to hit the ground running at ION," said Brandon Burgess, CEO. "His expertise is a great fit with ION's assets, growth plans and legal needs."

Joe was general counsel and secretary of XM Satellite Radio for 10 years. While at XM, he led all legal matters throughout the company's run from venture funding and its launch to its merger with Sirius Satellite Radio. With an expertise in telecommunications, Joe practiced with Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton for eight years, splitting his time between New York and Tokyo.

Christopher Eoyang, who is China portfolio strategist in Hong Kong for Goldman Sachs, has been named a partner at the firm. Goldman Sachs CEO Lloyd Blankfein and President Gary Cohn said, "This appointment (Chris is part of the new class of 110 partners) recognizes some of the firm's most valued senior professionals and acknowledges their leadership and contribution to the firm's culture of excellence."

And finally, back to news from alma mater: Congratulations to two younger Columbians with a special connection to our class: **Ian Zapolsky**, son of **David Zapolsky**, was accepted to the Class of 2015 (Dave noted that he will have the pleasure of attending each of his reunions along with Ian, since their class years both end in 5); and congratulations to **Isaac White** '14, who has been named one of the page design editors of *Spectator* (earning him the privilege of one very late and fun night each week).

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The Columbia students recently arrested for drug dealing should take heart from **Mitch Earleywine**, who shows that it is still legal to talk about drugs. "I had 15 seconds of fame on The History Channel's documentary, *Marijuana: A Chronic History*, where I got to badmouth the racism inherent in cannabis prohibition and show how badly I've aged. I also do the cannabis science segment every Wednesday on the podcast for the National

Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws: stash.norml.org. I also have a monthly column in *High Times* called "Ask Dr. Mitch," which generates some interesting mail. I got promoted to full professor of psychology at SUNY Albany. My new book, *Humor 101*, which cites the work of **Paul Spinrad**, should be out in early 2011."

Our 25th Class reunion is fast approaching. If you haven't already, please mark your calendars for Thursday, June 2–Sunday, June 5. Stay tuned for further details and join our class' Facebook group: Columbia College Class of 1986.

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While this issue's column does not make good on some of the promises of the last issue (those items will be in the May/June issue), I am excited about this column because it represents a real community effort — a great class response to my cry for help at the last minute. It just goes to show us/remind us how awesome we are as a class when we pull together!

Josh Silver is the v.p. of research and policy at the National Community Reinvestment Coalition, an organization that advocates for consumer protection and anti-discrimination laws. Josh said they worked hard on the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act of 2010 that passed last summer and now their task has shifted to focusing on how rigorously the new regulations are being implemented. Josh and his wife have a daughter (10), who appeared in a performance of *The Nutcracker*. They live in Bethesda, Md.

Andrew Brody '89 sent in the following update from Arlington, Mass.: "After graduate school at the University of Oregon, I moved to New England to practice architecture. There I've gotten to see a lot of **Dariusz Swarczewicz** '87E, who is one of the few people who still calls me 'Chilly Willy.' His kids even call me 'Uncle Chilly,' which is a little interesting. I've also seen **Lloyd Lim**, while at a humanities conference in Hawaii. I teach interior design at a small college near Boston, Endicott. I also had a technical textbook come out earlier this year, *Electronic Workflow for Interior Designers and Architects*."

The Class of 1987 energy must be flowing in Massachusetts these days, as I received the following note from **Frances McLaughlin**: "Running into Michael Gilligan '86 recently at The Broad Prize was the nudge I needed to write in with an update ...

after 23 years! My husband, William Nourse, and daughter, Georgia (6), and I have been living in Amesbury, Mass., since Georgia arrived on the scene, and prior to Amesbury, I (and then Will and I) moved around, mainly between Boston and NYC, with a three-year stint in London.

"I'm the COO for Education Pioneers, a young and rapidly scaling nonprofit focused on attracting and developing better managers and leaders in public education. We have programs and partnerships in seven cities, including NYC. I joined the organization after three years at The Broad Foundation, where I oversaw the foundation's investments in several school districts and entrepreneurial nonprofits (including Education Pioneers). Prior to that, I worked in international education for a long time (1992–2005), loved it and learned a lot. I'd love to hear from classmates who work in public education reform (my focus is K–12) or are interested in learning more about it."

This next note shows a kind of courage I only wish I had. **Paul Verna** and his daughters, **Lily** (10) and **Alexandra** (6), dove into the icy waters of the Atlantic Ocean in Coney Island on January 1 along with the Polar Bear Club and about 1,000 other brave souls. This was Paul's fourth polar plunge, Lily's second and Alex's first. Paul said it was by far the warmest, with air temperatures in the high 40s and water temps slightly below that. By contrast, two years ago temperatures were in the teens and the wind was whipping off the boardwalk. Paul and his young crew have also done polar dives in their hometown of Kennebunk, Maine!

Now that I've got most of you heading for a mug of hot chocolate — personally, I've been drinking a lot of peppermint hot chocolate this winter — or hot toddies, we can sit down and get ready for some movies. Thankfully, **Irka Seng** is providing the show. Irka was promoted to animation supervisor at Blue Sky Studios, which recently wrapped animation on the film *Kipo*, due out in April. Views include Jesse Eisenberg, Anne Hathaway, Jamie Foxx, William and Leslie Mann.

And after the movies, we can reminisce about this past fall's Homecoming. **Dan Botich** noted some of the highlights. The Columbia Lions Football Alumni Pig Roast Committee, headed by its president, **Dave Ortiz** '86, held what he says was Columbia's largest tailgating party, with a double tent and a 38-ft. RV. Among the committee members who helped to plan the bash in 2010 and 2009 were **Bill Flick**, **Dan Botich**, **Tom Johnston**, **Jason Pitkin**, **Pete Von Schoenemack**, **Joe Policastro**, **Rob Flaherty**, **Joe DeGaetano**, **George Stone** and **Greg Fondran**. Dan offers

a special thanks to alum and committee members **Kevin Townley '85**, our chef, and to Duke for donating the libations, plenty for all to enjoy as well as to everyone who donated to the Pig Roast Fund and stopped by the tent. According to the committee, the 2011 Pig Roast has been titled "Columbia's Largest Tailgate Party." Dan says, "It is going to be even bigger!" Make your plans for Saturday, October 15, now!

And Dan has news of his own as well. He has been promoted to executive with his firm, Cender & Co., which provides municipal financial advisory and economic development consulting services to public sector clients.

Also graciously answering my last-minute call was **Steve Abrahamson**, who in September, after more than four years at the ACLU, took a position as director, direct response fundraising, at Planned Parenthood Federation of America. He says, "Yes, I am the person responsible for all the mail, the phone calls and the canvassers."

Rima Jolivet took a new job in December as maternal health specialist with the White Ribbon Alliance for Safe Motherhood, an international coalition whose mission is to make pregnancy and childbirth safe for women and newborns around the world by pushing for change through grassroots advocacy that builds alliances, strengthens capacity, influences policies, harnesses resources and inspires action.

And like the blessing from heaven that she is, my dear friend **Chait Webber** would never leave me high and dry with a blank column! She sent in *une historiette* on her summer vacation: "Thanks to your federal tax dollars, I spent the summer in Paris. Really! I received a highly competitive summer stipend from the National Endowment for the Humanities that required me to undertake two uninterrupted months of study at the Bibliothèque Nationale de France. With any luck, this work will result in a book that addresses the fates of three French playwrights who became filmmakers during the early sound period. I brought my kids, Meredith (10) and Thayer (5), with me, which made me a single mother for the summer as well. Thanks to their Parisian 'manny,' their French and their city smarts both are impressive. We returned to Oklahoma City just in time for school to start up again, exhausted and chubby, but happy and satisfied, as well."

Michel Taddei sent in the following "cool Columbia coincidence": "Here's a multi-generational Columbia College connection: I have been playing as double bass soloist with the San Francisco Chamber Orchestra in a work by John Deak,

and another soloist on the program, our debut artist cellist Nathan Chan '15, who exclaimed with a 17-year-old's excitement, 'You didn't tell me you went to Columbia!'

"You never asked," I replied. Nathan is gung-ho about his early decision acceptance to the College and will be trying for the Columbia/Juilliard program (shouldn't be a problem — he's a whiz kid cello player). It is great to see that this program is thriving (it was instituted a few years after our time at Columbia) and that terrific musicians will be enrolled at the College."

Comedy great **Greg Giraldo** will be remembered during two nights of performances at Miller Theatre, Monday March 7–Tuesday, March 8. Many Columbia comedy alumni will be performing, including Lang Fisher '02, Gabe Liedman '04 and Cody Hess '06, as well as Reese Waters and Chowdhall, Columbia's sketch comedy troupe. Proceeds from the event will go to supporting Greg's wife and three sons. Come out for great fun and support a good cause.

And stay tuned for a full recap of the event in the May issue.

Last, but by no means least, I am happy to report that I have company in the world of giving up your first career for a second career in psychology! Checking in from San Francisco, **Christopher Corey** says he is finally leaving the law firm world behind. After creating the Litigation Support Department at New York's Debevoise & Plimpton, Chris was lured to San Francisco to create a Litigation Support Department at Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe, and then O'Melveny & Myers.

That chapter has now closed, Chris said, as he has decided to move into the field of counseling psychology. He began his master's in integral counseling psychology at the California Institute of Integral Studies in September, and is looking forward to a career of healing rather than the warfare of the litigation world.

I love our class!

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As 2010 drew to a close, several of our classmates reached professional milestones.

Joel Ackerman was appointed CEO of Champions Biotechnology, a company dedicated to improving cancer-fighting drugs through advanced research. After majoring in physics at Columbia, Joel earned a master's in the same subject from Harvard and then spent 15 years at Warburg Pincus, a leading private

equity investment firm. He also serves on the board of two publicly traded companies in the healthcare field and is chairman of the board of One Acre Fund, a not-for-profit microfinance group.

Also taking on a new position was investment banker **Durc Savini**, who became managing director at Peter J. Solomon Co. Durc formerly held the same title at Miller Buckfire.

Several days before Peruvian writer **Mario Vargas Llosa** won the Nobel Prize for Literature last fall, **Nicholas Birns** produced a timely book whose subject was the impending laureate. Along with Juan E. De Castro, Nicholas co-edited *Vargas Llosa and Latin American Politics*, which examined the themes of power, corruption and ideology in the writer's fiction and journalism. Palgrave published the collection of essays in October.

Please keep your updates coming! Feel free to send me an e-mail or to friend me on Facebook.

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With all the goings on lately in the state of Arizona, I find myself often wondering about, and then madly texting, **Kim Harris Ortiz**, my suitemate and floormate from East Campus and Johnson (now Wien). Kim pursued a legal career out of Columbia and is an assistant district attorney in the Tucson area. Recently, she visited the East Coast because of a legal conference and visited Columbians in Washington, D.C., and New York. **Amy Weinreich Rinzler** writes, "Kim was in town en route to a conference in D.C. She stayed with Krissie Barakat '88 and had dinner with me. Kim also visited Jenna Wright '88."

From New York, Kim went to D.C. and, though she didn't get to Boston this time, I Skyped her when she was visiting **Jody Colens Fidler** in D.C., and caught up on her interesting legal cases and family life in sunny Tuscon.

I also heard from **Gina Shishima**, who wrote, "My husband and I moved with our three kids to Midtown Manhattan in August. My husband had a year of paid leave (sabbatical) from being chair of the philosophy department at the University of Texas in Austin, so we decided to go somewhere where my law firm (Fulbright & Jaworski) had an office so I could continue to practice patent law."

"We are enjoying getting to know the city under very different circumstances from my days on the Upper West Side in the late '80s! My freshman roommate **Laura Offutt**

(Carman 1111B) visited us with her husband and two kids right before the holidays. It was great seeing her, as it had been some years since we last saw each other. I would love to catch up with other classmates before we return to Austin in August!" Gina and her husband have a 7-year-old and twin girls (4).

Hope to have more e-mail from you this year!

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Three cheers for **Alicia (Katz) Shems**, who read my recent column and heeded my call! She says, "I decided not to live my life in regret and am just writing to you! I married my high school and college sweetheart, **Nessy Shems**, in 1994. And to bring you up to date on the last 20 years, I earned a master's in English literature from the University of Chicago in 1993. I proceeded to teach, edit and write for a few years, then had my son, **Matthew**, in 1997 and my daughter, **Leah**, in 2000. We moved back home to the Boston area from the Midwest in 2005 and have been settled in Newton ever since. I am a freelance editor and a mixed media artist. I work from a studio in my home. Check out my art at akshems.blogspot.com."

Alicia hopes to catch up with us at our 25th reunion.

How about another cheer for **Francis Phillip**, one of our Class Agents and co-chair of the Class Agent Program? In soliciting donations from classmates, he also got an update from **Rizwan Akhter**. Rizwan has worked in the financial sector since graduating. He switched to the buy side a few years ago and manages a credit-focused hedge fund, DA Capital. He is married with two children.

With this roundup, I conclude by wishing everyone a happy spring. I hope to hear from you soon.

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As you can see from the heading on this update, our 20th reunion

Nina Willdorf '99: Learner-in-Chief

BY DINA CHENEY '99

Nina Willdorf '99, editor-in-chief of *Budget Travel* magazine, has never stopped learning. Instead, education, bolstered by an enterprising attitude, has driven her career trajectory.

Willdorf's career education began while in college. Having decided to major in English, she interned at her hometown *San Francisco* magazine the summer after her first year. During the second semester of her sophomore year, Willdorf became a columnist for *Spectator*; she contributed two articles a month through her senior year, filled with "vague campus-related musings." From the fall of her junior year until graduation, she worked one day a week as a correspondent and fact-checker for *The New York Observer*.

After graduation, Willdorf knew that she wanted to continue working in publishing and took a job at then-San Francisco-based *Health* magazine. However, she wasn't writing much, and — remembering the words of the Larry Miller Professor of English and Comparative Literature James Shapiro '77, whose classes she'd taken at Columbia — she applied for a six-month fellowship at *The Chronicle of Higher Education* in Washington, D.C. "I went to the *Chronicle*

in part because of Professor Shapiro," Willdorf says. "Early on, he told me that you're going to be no good at writing until you get 10,000 words out of your system."

And, soon, she did. After her fellowship, Willdorf earned \$9.50 per hour as an assistant to the managing editor of *The Boston Phoenix*, an award-winning arts and entertainment weekly newspaper. She later became a features writer, covering everything from Bikram yoga to Jonathan Franzen. She also met her husband, Michael Endelman, then a staff music writer and currently senior editor at *Sports Illustrated*.

For the *Phoenix*, Willdorf began writing a column that "seemed to be connecting with the local community of post-collegiate," she says. Based on that success, she took a few weeks to write a proposal for a "service-y, how-to book about trying to live the best life I could with very little income." Willdorf landed an agent, and, after a few months, sold the project to Sourcebooks. Willdorf left the paper in June 2002 to write *City Chic: A Modern Girl's Guide to Living Large on Less* (2003), taking on freelance work with *Self* and *Glamour* to supplement her income.

Feeling that it was time to



Nina Willdorf '99, seen here in Maine's Mount Desert Island/Acadia National Park, says she wants to "keep learning and growing" in her professional life.

return to New York, Willdorf and Endelman, who hadn't yet gotten jobs, packed a car and found a two-month sublet. Willdorf became the assistant lifestyle editor at *Worth* magazine, where she assigned, edited and wrote high-end lifestyle articles, and, she jokes, "learned the definition of thread count." The publication folded a few months later, and Willdorf took a senior associate editor job at *Child* magazine, where she "learned that anything, even the subject of parenting (when you're not yet a parent), could be interesting," she says.

During her 1½ years at *Child*, Willdorf got married and wrote *Wedding Chic: The Savvy Bride's Guide to Getting More While Spending Less* (2005). She spent the first six months of her marriage working at *Child* on weekdays and writing three nights and one full weekend day each week.

By the time the book was published, Willdorf had changed jobs again. Having spotted a posting for a senior editor at *Budget Travel* magazine, she hand-delivered her resume the next day.

While at *Budget Travel*, Will-

dorf spearheaded the launch issue of *Girlfriend Getaways*, a spin-off magazine. During this period, she realized that she'd transitioned from being a writer to being an editor. "I think I got more into building pages as a whole, which I really, really love," she says. "What makes publishing so exciting is that you're working with other people to build an entire package."

Willdorf moved to *Travel & Leisure* Magazine 1½ years later, where she further honed her skills before returning to *Budget Travel* as editor-in-chief in 2008.

When she started, Willdorf was eight months pregnant (her daughter, Mimi, is now 2), and needed to prepare the magazine for her maternity leave. By the time she'd returned to work a few months later, the recession was in full effect, and the magazine climate had become much tougher.

During the process of retooling the magazine in tough economic times, Willdorf realized that she needed to revamp the format of the publication as well, which she did in concert with a new art director. She also helped with the sale of



Willdorf's travels have enabled her to see some unusual sights, such as this squash sculpture on Japan's Naoshima Island.

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Budget Travel from *Newsweek* to a private equity group in December 2009. "I had to manage a jittery team through a transition, and I tried to encourage them to do their best work in uncertain times," she says.

Now, Willdorf manages a staff of 18 and an annual budget of \$2.5 million, publishing 10 issues per year and overseeing online content. She is proud of what she and her team have accomplished: Since she started, circulation has risen 6 percent, and article readership scores and average page views on the companion website, *budgettravel.com*, also have increased.

Whole *Living* magazine editor-at-large Sari Lehrer '99 Barnard, whom Willdorf met in their first year of college, says, "Nina is known for coming into *Budget Travel* during a very challenging time — not just for this magazine, but for the industry in general — and putting out a consistently quality product. There's an energy to the magazine that is pure Nina: full of excitement and deep knowledge of her subject matter, coupled with an abiding sense of joy in making a magazine each month."

Looking ahead, Willdorf says she does not have specific plans. "I'm very ambitious, but in the sense that I want to keep learning and growing," she says. "Right now, I feel strongly that I am continuing to do so. When I stop learning, I'll be interested in what's next."

Dina Cheney '99 is the author of *Tasting Club* (DK, 2006) and *Williams-Sonoma New Flavors for Salads* (Oxmoor House, 2009), as well as a regular columnist for *Everyday* with Rachael Ray magazine.

is fast approaching! Please make plans to join the festivities from Thursday, June 2–Sunday, June 5. There is a "Columbia College Class of 1991" Facebook group if you want to reconnect and get more information. You also can sign up for some of the Reunion Committee subcommittees on this page.

Now, on to some updates! **Josh Nachler** was living overseas for the last 13 years doing international development work primarily in the former Soviet Union. He recently relocated back to the United States and lives in Washington, D.C., where he is Internets Network's v.p. for Europe and Eurasia Programs (internets.org). Josh is looking forward to reconnecting with folks in the area.

John Ehlinger wrote: "My wife, Sarah, and I live in the Boston suburbs with our three children, who are now approximately 7, 5 and 3. We have only recently emerged from the gun smoke of parenting our brigade of preschoolers, and are looking around to find that we've lost touch with just about everyone we know who isn't obligated by common ancestry to call us every other holiday. That said, I was looking forward to visiting Patrick Flynn, his wife, Kari, and their three beautiful children in Chicago in December. Patrick will have just spent about a year on the road raising a distressed debt hedge fund and, upon his return, can think of nothing better to do with his time than having me over for dinner."

Peter Mendelsund, an associate art director at Knopf, as well as an art director at Pantheon and Vertical Press, already has been profiled in *CCT* (college.columbia.edu/cct/nov_dec08) and recently was interviewed in *The New Yorker*. Peter is the artist responsible for some of today's most recognizable book covers. Having just finished reading the Stieg Larsson books, I was interested to learn that Peter had designed the book covers for these and many other books. You can view his many unique and striking covers at mendelsund.com.

Max Thomas and his partner, Gabriel, moved from NYC four years ago to San Diego to thaw out and enjoy the SoCal lifestyle for a while. In 1997, Max founded Thunder SEO, an online marketing agency that takes him back to the East Coast regularly. Drop Max a line at max@thunderseo.com. He'd love to hear from old friends.

Patrick J. Lannon lives in Aventura, Fla., with his wife, Valerie, and children, Meghan, Kelly and PJ. Patrick is an attorney in Coral Gables assisting families with their estate planning and administration needs.

Hope everyone is having a happy and healthy 2011! Cheers!

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Hello again, and happy 2011.

Let me start with a piece of news that I received in time for the last issue, but somehow did not include, from first-time contributor Anna Winger (née Levine) '93. Since 2002, Anna has been living in Berlin with her husband and two daughters. She is a writer and a photographer whose novel, *This Must Be The Place*, was published by Riverhead in 2008.

Next, some great news for **Dane Holmes**, who was named a partner at Goldman Sachs. Previously, Dane had been a managing director and director of investor relations.

Congratulations!
More great news from the financial sector: **Frank Cicero** was named managing director and global head of financial institutions investment banking at Jefferies, a global securities and investment banking firm. Previously, Frank had been a managing director at Barclays Capital and Lehman Brothers.

I heard from one of my first-year floormates, taking me all the way back to the 13th floor of John Jay Hall in 1988. **Stewart Rosman** lives in Portland, Ore., where he is married with children (3 and 1). Stewart works for Iberdrola Renewables, a Spanish utility that Stewart described as a big wind power developer.

And then there's the news I really wish I didn't have to report. We lost one of our shining stars on November 18, as **Beth Dwyer** lost her courageous battle with cancer. A small space in this column (or even the slightly longer obituary in January/February) cannot come close to paying appropriate tribute to what Beth meant to Columbia and to our class. I will particularly remember the energy and enthusiasm she put into our class's 15th reunion, which we joked together was the "Jan Brady" of reunions because it didn't have the same draw as the 10th and 20th. Yet, through her efforts and those of her fellow committee members, we still had a fantastic time four years ago.

Beth, you will be missed.
Here's to a 2011 that brings more happy news and no more paragraphs like the one above.

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Well, it's 2011. Most of us turn 40 this year, an age that seemed so

far off back when we spent our days in Morningside Heights (our parents had turned 40 after all...). Some of us already have celebrated. **Neil Turutz** celebrated his 40th with his annual Birthday Bacchanal in New York City on December 18 (as I am writing this column right before the deadline, I'll have to get details from Neil for my next column!). I hope that this year, many of you will share how you celebrate this milestone, particularly if you spent it in an exotic place, had a great party or shared it with College classmates, among other things. We should also remember those classmates who did not make it this far.

Speaking of milestones, in November, my husband, Mike, and I traveled to the Caribbean island of St. Barthélemy to celebrate **Robyn Tuerk's** wedding to Ross Geisel for four sun- and fun-filled days in a beautiful location without our kids. Robyn and Ross live in New York City, where Robyn is the general counsel for Philips International, a real estate investment and management company, and Ross works in marketing for the Hearst Corp. Robyn and Ross delayed their honeymoon and went to Thailand for three weeks during the December holidays.

Congratulations to Robyn!
Jenny Hoffman also made the trip from Rome, and we all enjoyed the fabulous festivities and weather. After nine years working for Ernst & Young in Rome, Jenny left last year to become the director of corporate risk management for Astaldi, an Italian contractor company that works on transport infrastructure, water and renewable energy, and civil and industrial buildings around the world, with headquarters in Rome. She too was in St. Barth's without her children, William (8) and Victoria (6), both of whom were in Rome. Also in attendance were Elizabeth Estrada '01 and Campbell Heath '07 Business.

November continued to be a great month for seeing Columbia friends, as I spent time the following week with **Patti Lee**, who lives in San Francisco with her husband, Paul Tomita. Patti does freelance work as a news reporter for a San Francisco television station. She and Paul regularly go sailing and have had some fun outings with **Ali Towle** in the Bay Area. Mike and I also caught up with **Thad Sheely** and his family in New Jersey after the Thanksgiving holiday.

I heard from **Paul Sangillo**, who is a partner with the law firm Florio Perrucci Steinhart & Fader working with clients primarily in the banking and commercial lending, and real estate/land use practice areas. In October, Paul was



Jaime Sanders Tarasov '00 married Glen Tarasov in November 2009 in Cinnaminson, N.J. Joining them were (left to right) Nikunj Shanti '00E, Nida Qadir '00, Kim Fisher '00, the bride, the groom, Pearl Wang '00, Ozlem Bankoglu Chung '00 and Maia Ridberg Gez '00.

recognized in *Negocios Hispanos*, or *Spanish Business Magazine*, for his incredible work and participation as lead counsel with the Newark Downtown Core Redevelopment Corp. Additionally, the article makes mention of Paul's assistance with the construction of the state-of-the-art Prudential Center Arena in Newark, N.J. Notably, in 2008, the *New Jersey Law Journal* named Paul to its list of "Top 40 Lawyers Under Age 40" in New Jersey. In addition to his professional responsibilities, Paul has been a commissioner representing Hudson County on the New Jersey Ethics Board and a trustee of the West New York Board of Education.

That's all for this column. Please send in stories of those celebrations.

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How sad it is to come upon a Class Notes deadline and find absolutely no news to report! I know we're all on Facebook and thus already stay up to date on each other's vacation plans and dinners out and supercute kid photos, but Class Notes could use a little love, too.

Please, please save us from our heartbreak: Send news, and soon.

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Marie-Carmelle Elie left Newark, N.J., for a job on the faculty at the College of Medicine at the University of Florida in Gainesville. She is an assistant professor, teaching and working as an emergency room physician and intensivist.

"The move to the college town has been quite a transition, as I have been assaulted by the 'gator nation,'" she writes. Her son Na-

than (2) has even become a fan.

The decision to relocate was inspired by her trip to Haiti last January. Carmelle and her husband, Newton Turenne, joined in the earthquake relief efforts and were on the ground within 48 hours of the quake. They are both first-generation Americans whose parents and families are originally from Haiti.

"Having visited in the past, I can attest that the devastation was catastrophic," Carmelle writes. "The aftershocks were no less traumatic, occurring daily, causing further damage to structures that had not yet collapsed and serving as a constant reminder to the victims that the insult had not yet passed. We were fortunate to have assisted so many, though there was tremendous loss of human life."

The move to Florida allows them to participate in multiple networks dedicated to medical relief and rebuilding. Carmelle will be consulting with organizations working to prevent infection. Her husband, an army veteran, is enrolled in the business management program at the University of Florida as an aspiring sports management expert.

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Greetings, classmates. Only a bit of news to report this time around.

Jonathan Meyers recently accepted a job as v.p. of global business development at CNBC. Jonathan previously was the v.p. of business development and advertiser operations at *Forbes*.

After 10 years of practicing em-

ployment litigation at Morgan Lewis & Bockius in San Francisco, Barbara Antonucci joined the San Francisco office of Littler Mendelson as of counsel.

Congratulations to Rick Shuart, who married Julia Schmidt in November. Rick is an investment officer of a fund operated by Caltius Capital Management, a Los Angeles company that makes investments and provides loans to businesses. Rick earned an M.B.A. from UCLA. He and Julia live in Los Angeles.

What happened to all of you?

Do I need to send out another mass e-mail? Please don't make me do that. Send in news! And remember, our 15th reunion will be held Thursday, June 2-Sunday, June 5. I hope to see you in Morningside Heights.

Here's a bold one for you:
"Do one thing every day that scares you."

—Eleanor Roosevelt

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Emily Drabinski is a librarian at Long Island University, Brooklyn. She had an edited book come out in March, *Critical Library Instruction: Theories & Methods*. She writes, "Yeah, it has a pretty small potential audience. But we sold enough books that I got an actual royalty statement today. Exciting! Here's a link in case all of my classmates want a copy: libraryjuiexpress.com/critlibinstrct.php. I'm also editing a book series for the same press, about gender and sexuality in librarianship. The first book will come out this year. Here's some info: litvinbooks.com/series-gender.php."

Michelle Caswell also has a library degree and is finishing a doctorate in archival science at Wisconsin. Emily writes that she and Michelle "turn out to have very similar research interests, kind of a trip since we met 17 years ago on the third floor of McBain. It's been great to have a reinvigorated intellectual connection with her. Go Lions!"

M. Omar Chaudhry '99 CSAS is practicing federal immigration law by representing clients seeking asylum relief in removal proceedings at New York Immigration Court at 26 Federal Plaza in Manhattan. Omar also is running a nonprofit legal clinic on Sundays at the Domestic Harmony Foundation in order to encourage survivors of domestic violence to seek legal remedies in Nassau County Family Court. Omar lives with his wife, Samiyah, and their toddler son, Humza, on Long Island. His e-mail

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Erlich Anderer started at Maimonides Medical Center in Brooklyn as a neurosurgeon this past July after finishing a neurosurgery residency and spine fellowship at NYU. He also has maintained a faculty position in the department of neurosurgery at NYU. Erlich writes, "Keep me in mind for anyone you know with back or neck problems!"

Joel Finkelstein writes: "I'm in the Washington, D.C., area. My wife, Lauren, and I have two kids, Max (5) and Rosie (2). I'm an s.v.p. at Fenton, the nation's largest public interest strategic communications firm. I work with the country's leading environmental and public health nonprofits on communications strategy and media relations. I support the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, a wonderful organization that is the reason Max is still alive."

Rachel Adame Anderson is working on her first book, an account of a young man's struggle to finish school in the United States while his family in Juarez sacrifices to support him amidst the violence in Mexico.

Dr. Tracey Hammond, an assistant professor of computer science and engineering at Texas A&M, received a 2010 Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency Information Processing Techniques Office grant to design a remote system to assist in the rapid reassembly and reorganization of assault forces on the ground after airborne deployment. In addition, Tracey went to Ft. Bragg, N.C., early in September to work with the 18th Airborne Corps on a research solution to a paratrooper's drop zone challenge. To help her better understand a paratrooper's frame of mind, the Golden Knights arranged a tandem parachute jump for Tracey from 13,500 ft. above the Laurinburg-Maxton airport.

John Dean Alfano is gearing up to film a trailer for his first feature, *Substance*, in March, casting two-three speaking roles and possibly a few featured background spots. He is seeking business partnerships. More information about the project can be found here: imdb.com/title/tt1582264/ combined, and indiegogo.com/substance.

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Hello Class of '98. Apparently my repeated pleas are working, because here are a couple of updates.

Robert Travis and his wife, Jackie, live in Knoxville, Tenn., and have three children and Evangeline (6), Annalise (5), and Jackie (1). He

serves as an Episcopal priest on the staff of a large church. In his spare time, Robert also keeps faithful to Columbia as an Alumni Representative Committee interviewer. He writes, "We like to go hiking in the nearby Smoky Mountains. I recently got to go with my wife to NYC for the wedding of Omar Sayed '96 and Sun Kim, where I saw **Derrick Nunnally** and other Zeta Psi brothers. We also visited the Columbia Alumni Center. What a lovely place!"

Beth Roxland also wrote with very exciting professional news. After working as a senior associate in the litigation department at Simpson, Thacher & Bartlett, Beth now is the executive director of the New York State Task Force on Life and the Law, the state's bioethics commission (nyhealth.gov/nysdoh/taskforce). The task force is an interdisciplinary group of experts that develops public policy on issues arising at the interface of medicine, ethics and law. Since arriving at the task force, Beth has been fortunate to work on a variety of complex bioethical issues, such as organ donation, human subjects research involving people who lack the capacity to provide informed consent and the allocation of ventilators in the event of a shortage due to an influenza pandemic.

In addition, because of her work with the state's stem cell board (the Empire State Stem Cell Board), Beth also was appointed special adviser to the Commissioner on Stem Cell Research Ethics. In this role, she helped develop the board's policies on providing compensation for women who donate their eggs to stem cell research and funding certain human-animal chimeric research protocols.

Wonderful news, Beth. Congratulations on the important new job.

I wish all of you a lovely spring and hope you'll take a moment to send me some news if you haven't in a while (or ever).

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[Editor's note: CCT thanks **Lauren Becker** for her year of service as class correspondent. While CCT searches for a new correspondent, please send news to Associate Editor Ethan Rouen '04, *Columbia College Today*, Columbia Alumni Center, 622 W. 113th St., MC 4530, New York, NY 10025; to cct@columbia.edu, subject line "Class of '99 Class Notes"; or click college.columbia.edu/cct/submit_class_note.]

Three cheers for **Amy Spencer**, who wrote with this news: "I graduated

summa cum laude from Loyola Law School in Los Angeles in 2007. I clerked for Judge Carolyn Dineen King on the Fifth Circuit's Court of Appeals in Houston from August 2007–September 2008. In September 2008, I returned to New York to clerk in the Southern District of New York for Judge John E. Sprizzo. After Judge Sprizzo's sad passing, I was fortunate to continue clerking for Judge Kevin Thomas Duffy through October 2010. On October 18, 2010, I joined the law firm Latham & Watkins as an associate in the New York office and am enjoying practicing in the firm's Litigation Department."

Keep up the good work, Amy! Now it's time for some miscellaneous notes. Glancing at *The New York Times*' "DealBook" (I don't actually read it, way too complicated) I saw that **Adrienne Carter** is the blog's news editor. **Jay Carson** was spotted at the Bloomberg Family Foundation and is reportedly working at C40 with **Elizabeth Robilotti**'s husband, Rohit "Rit" Aggarwal '93. Oh, and I thought I saw **Claudia DeSimeo** on West 22nd Street near Sixth Avenue just before Thanksgiving.

Was that you, Claudia?

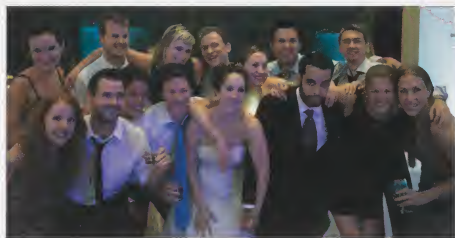
Baby check: **Sahil Gudiwala** and his wife, Sarah, welcomed daughter Margot on December 2. Sahil elaborates, "Seven pounds, 12 oz., 21 in. Adorable. She's loving Brooklyn life and got her first taste of a New York blizzard." Beyond her precocious handling of adverse weather, Margot is evidently very resilient: She met **James Boyle** and **Jay Cosel** when they were in town over New Year's, and "wasn't terribly traumatized."

Congratulations, Sahil and Sarah!

Toddler check: **Cristina Tebott** is married (sorry, fellas) and visited Columbia last summer with her daughter, Karina (2).

Congratulations, Cristina and Karina!

Jamie (Grossmann) Silver and her husband, Alex, founded the Jackson Gabriel Silver Foundation to help find a cure for her son Jackson, and the thousands of other children who suffer from Epidermolysis Bullosa, a group of devastating and often fatal blistering disorders that affect children from birth. Children with EB lack the critical proteins that bind their layers of skin together. Fewer than 20,000 individuals are affected by EB in the United States. The foundation funds scientific research with the goal of treating and curing this disease. **Giacomo Pico**, **Annie Ulevitch** '00 and **Debra Green Mack** '01 graciously serve on the JCSF Board. To learn more about the work the foundation is doing or to get involved, go to jgsf.org.



Annie Tracy Samuel '06 married Michael Samuel at the State Room in Boston in July. Joining the happy couple were (top row, left to right) Eva Colen '06, Pat Cushing '06, Laura Goode '06, Alvin Strasburger '06, Evan Sanchez '06 and David Whittemore '06, and (bottom row, left to right) Kathleen Conn, John Wilkes '07, Mary Stycos '06 Barnard, Rod Salguero '06, the bride, Sarah Withers '06, the groom, Lauren Gilchrist '06 and Karen Turner '06.

PHOTO: KIERAN STONE

Finally, here's a little news alert from the *Times* via the CCT editors. "**Jonathan Lechter**, an associate at the law firm of Willkie Farr & Gallagher, has married Tamar Schiffman, a program development officer at Pact, an international development organization in Washington, D.C."

Sorry, ladies. You can get deeds and learn the charming story of Jonathan's romance online in the *Times*' Weddings and Celebrations section.

Well, classmates, it's been a real pleasure and a profound embarrassment writing these columns, and I regret that I'm unable to continue. Many thanks to everyone who wrote in, to the stalwarts who put up with my teasing, and to the extraordinarily patient Ethan Rouen '04, Class Notes editor, who shepherds wayward correspondents and who with the rest of the CCT staff edits all the Class Notes. I wish you all the best of all possible things in the years to come, and I look forward to reading all about it.

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Ray Martinez and **Heather** (née Schumacher) Martinez '02 are and happy to announce the birth of their son, Evander Kane, who was born on Cinco de Mayo, 2010. He joins Ray III (2). Ray and Heather report that the family survived a move to their new home in Sierra Madre, Calif., two days before Evander was born. Ray is an s.v.p. for Cit's Private Bank based in Los Angeles, and Heather is a board-certified orthopedic physical therapist at Accre Rehabilitation in Pasadena.

Susan Freeman, a history teacher at Winston Preparatory School in

Manhattan, married Gabriel Kaufman, associate publisher for marketing and sales at Bearport Publishing. The bridegroom's mother, Achshah Guibory, is the Ann Whitney Olin Professor of English at Barnard.

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01

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Hi everyone. I hope you had a wonderful holiday season and are gearing up for reunion from Thursday, June 2–Sunday, June 5. I'm sure it will be an exciting time.

Sam Oppenheim reported his wedding on October 10 to Mina Fasolo '08 PH, and quite a few alumni were in attendance, including Bob Kahan '69; Paul Miller '69; Len Oppenheim '68; Ross Ann '68; Jerry Ostow '70; Kevin Slane '95; Todd Lao '99; **David Beatus**; **Vipin Sandhu** '02; **Rachel Katz** '03; **Hiirashiki** '95, '07 TC; **Rob Esris** '00; **Christina Pagan** '03 Barnard; and **Larry Masket** '71.

Sam reports that **Vipin** is working in medicine in Philly, and **David** and his wife, **Ellie**, have a new son, **Asher**. Congratulations, Sam and Mina!

Robin Fineman (née Lefkowitz) wrote in with important news: "My 22-month-old son, **Ezra**, has a rare primary immune deficiency, **Hyper IgM Syndrome**, and is in need of a bone marrow transplant. There is currently no suitable donor for him in the registry, so we have started a campaign to try and find him a match. Our cousin,



Their romance began in Morningside Heights, but Allison Turza '07 and Dan Baiger '07 were married at the Congressional Country Club in Bethesda, Md., on October 2. Still, it felt just like being back on campus, as more than 30 College alumni attended the event.

Richard Fineman '13, organized a bone marrow donor drive in connection with Gift of Life to benefit Ezra and other patients in need that was held at Lerner Hall on December 10, 2010. The drive was a huge success, and more than 200 members of the Columbia community had their cheeks swabbed to enter the donor registry.

If you are interested in becoming a donor, you can do so by ordering a cheek swab kit online through Ezra's Gift of Life Donor Circle at giftoflife.org/dc/Help4Ezra/blog.aspx, or by attending another upcoming drive. Conducting a cheek swab is painless and easy. Financial donations also are desperately needed to cover the cost of testing and to move donors off the wait list. If you are interested in getting involved with Robin's search for a match, please feel free to e-mail her directly at help4ezra@gmail.com.

Best wishes to all, and please do keep in touch.

02

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Michael Ricci married Kirsten Hogan in October in Howard County, Md. Mike works in Washington, D.C., as the deputy communications director and speechwriter for Speaker of the House John Boehner.

Justin Rubin, special assistant to the assistant secretary of the Army for manpower and Reserve affairs at the Pentagon, married Jessica Exelbert, a pediatric dentist.

Ray Martinez '00 and Heather (Schumacher) Martinez are happy to announce "the birth of our son. Evander Kane Martinez was born Cinco de Mayo, 2010. He joins brother Ray (II) '02. Our family survived a move to our new home in Sierra Madre, Calif., two days before Evander was born. Ray is an s.v.p. for Cit's Private Bank based in Los Angeles, and Heather is a board-certified orthopedic physical therapist at Active Rehabilitation in Pasadena.

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As College alumni, we certainly have a lot to be proud of, as this has been a phenomenal year for both the College and the University. First, as you likely have already heard, Columbia jumped in *U.S. News & World Report's* undergraduate ranking, in the National University category, from No. 8 last year to No. 4 this year. More recently, Columbia received a record number of undergraduate applications: 34,857, up 32 percent from 26,179 last year. Columbia has been hot since we were on campus, but it's only getting hotter. Members of our class are equally "hot" in their own careers, so I'm happy to report that...

Adele Burnes is "starting a business, bettermeans.com, which is going to change the way we work together (hopefully)." She received her M.B.A. in public and nonprofit management and a master's in information systems from Boston University in May. She lives in Oakland, Calif.

Fiona Sze-Lorain released a CD, *In One Take* (produced by Vif Editions, Paris), with *ethu* artist Guo Gan this past winter.

Mindy Levine finished her first semester as an assistant professor of chemistry at the University of Rhode Island. She is running a research group of four students and teaching graduate and undergraduate organic chemistry.

Stephanie Baker-Baum is teaching humanities and English at the Canadian International School in Hong Kong and is engaged to Matt Battani, a fellow teacher. They enjoy living and traveling in Asia.

Alissa Mathis (Banks) writes, "My husband, Brian, and I will celebrate our second wedding anniversary this July. We live in Vancouver, Wash., where I work in sales for a print/mail data management

company based in Pennsylvania. We hope to make the trip back east for Homecoming this year [Saturday, October 15] and look forward to catching up with everyone."

Lorraine Liang married Oleg Mironov '04E in March 2010, moved to Rochester, N.Y., to complete a urology residency, and had a baby, Maksim Oleg, in December.

Jonathan Manes writes, "I got married on October 24 in New York City to Nicole Hallett. The wedding was at Faculty House on Columbia's campus. We're back in NYC, living in Brooklyn. As for work, I'm in the second year of a legal fellowship at the ACLU, where I work on civil liberties and human rights issues raised by the government's national security policies."

04

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Hello CC '04!

I hope you're all doing well. Please, please, please don't be shy and send me your news. Class Notes rely less on my amazing L&R writing skills and more on your submissions.

Jieun Sung Blais writes, "My husband, Gregg, and I were married in a big church wedding in my hometown of Silver Spring, Md., on August 14, four years after we were introduced by a mutual friend. Gregg is a New England native who settled in the D.C. area after graduating from Georgetown. We continue to make our home here, where Gregg is a software engineer and I am the director of a learning center. Among the many beloved family members and friends who joined the festivities were several Columbia/Barnard alumni: Ja'Mel Nelson '03E, **Nutan Prabhu** '04E, Kate Richlin-Zack '02 Barnard, '03E, Dina Schorr '03 Barnard and Laila Shetty '03 Barnard.

Katie Zien is a sixth-year doctoral candidate in Northwestern's interdisciplinary Ph.D. program in theatre and drama. During the 2009 academic year, Katie traveled to Panama City as a Fulbright scholar to complete research on her dissertation, *Claiming the Canal: Performances of Race, Labor, and Citizenship in Panama, 1904-1999*. While there, she produced a 10-day performance residency, *Agua/Tierra: Una propuesta para escuchar* (Groundwater: A Listening Project).

Mayokya Walker writes, "My daughter Anya Paige Fowler turned 1, and I am married three years as of February. I'm a senior compliance manager at Gerson Lehrman Group in Austin, GLG relocated me to Texas from NYC

about five years ago. I was the membership director of the Columbia Club of Central Texas but have been less active since the baby was born. I'm hoping to get more active again soon."

05

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Hope the first quarter of the year has been a good one for everyone. Here's some news from our classmates.

Claire Snyder writes: "This has been a year of changes for me. I moved back to Manhattan from suburban New Jersey and am now living in the historic Mount Morris district of Central Harlem. During the week, I am a governess (half tutor, half caretaker) for a family of four children; on the weekends, I teach language arts and writing at the NJ SEEDS College Preparatory Program, based in Newark. I also moonlight periodically as an ESL tutor for a well-known Korean pop group, the Wonder Girls, whenever they are not touring. As for travel, I recently returned from a road trip to Grand Rapids, Mich., where I spent the holidays with my boyfriend's extended family."

Mike Camacho writes: "I have been living and working in Amsterdam since August 2009 for Alpmvest Partners, a private equity firm, as an investment manager. If any '05ers are around town, I'd love to show them around my 'new' stomping ground and/or adopted country. Further, I am interested in helping build a greater Columbia presence in Europe, so if you are in the region, let's plan some things!"

Congratulations are in order for these lucky classmates:

Michael Price married Allegra Glashauser on November 6 at New Leaf Restaurant in New York. **Pedro Tsividis** and **Ariella Rosenberg** were in the bridal party and Mike's brother Rob was the best man. Mike works in Washington, D.C., as the national security coordinator for the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers. He and his wife met at NYU Law School.

In 2010, **Bill Kee** and **Rebecca (Pollack)** Ke announced the birth of James Richard '32. They're pretty sure he'll be majoring in the engineering of flying cars and transporters. James was born on August 21 in San Francisco and celebrated his first Christmas in Maui. [See photo.]

Elizabeth Hall and **Robert Cary** were recently engaged. They met at NSOP their first week at Columbia and have been together since sophomore year.

Thanks for the updates, and please keep them coming!

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Stephen Kunen has been hired by Wilson, Sonsini, Goodrich, & Rosati in New York to work with its intellectual property group. He writes, "I'm very lucky and happy to be coming back to my home in New York, and to finally have a job. I plan to take the New York and New Jersey bar, and eventually, the patent bar." This semester, Stephen is interning at Coca-Cola's headquarters in Atlanta in the global marketing department. His work, "Superhuman in the Octagon, Imperfect in the Courtroom: Assessing the Culpability of Martial Artists who Kill During Street Fights," will be published in Issue 6 of the *Emory Law Journal*.

Stephen also will participate in the finals of Emory's Transactional Meet Competition, and will try to volunteer to prepare income tax forms for low-income individuals. He looks forward to reconnecting with his Columbia friends in NYC.

In November, Paul Sewell founded SRC Legal, a Seattle law firm that focuses on intellectual property disputes, business formation and some criminal law matters. Paul formed the firm with Seattle University School of Law classmates Jordan Rood and Seth Chastain. Benjamin Mills '10L and his wife, Tiffany Christatos Mills '03 Barnard, '07E, celebrated the three-month birthday of their daughter, Leah Kathryn, on December 8. Leah has already been to Robert K. Kraft Field for Homecoming, and she was looking forward to the beginning of Ivy League basketball season.

Ari Brandes joined Société Générale in September as a structurer. He works in a cross-asset structured products group and specializes in fund-linked derivatives and financing solutions. He looks forward to connecting with alumni in the structured products business. Hilary Simon graduated in December with a degree in fashion merchandising management from the Fashion Institute of Technology. Robert McNamee will graduate from Georgetown Law in May and move to New York with his fiancée, Erin. In the fall, he will begin as an associate at Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton.

Jacob Rubin writes from California to update us on a few classmates: "Chris Belz is an accomplished

musician. He recently picked up the harmonica. Jimmy Mark discovered a new passion to complement his rising star at JPMorgan: astronomy. And of course, the infamous Matteo del Guzzo has continued to blaze his trail in medicine while also dabbling in advanced molecular biophysics. Cheers to everyone from Columbia '06 from the Wild West! Best wishes!"

Anne Tracy Samuel married Michael Samuel at the State Room in Boston on July 11 [see photo]. Congratulations!

Alicia Harper is enjoying life in NYC. She is attending Teachers College and received an M.A. in psychological counseling at the end of the fall semester and expects to obtain an Ed.M. in psychological counseling in May. As a single mother of a 3-year-old boy, Alicia blows about her experiences at mommydelicious.com.

Finally, Victoria Baranetsky reminisces with us through a haiku: "Snow storm in new york
"Just like in two thousand six
"Oh, to ski on Low."

07

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I hope that everyone had a wonderful (and warm) winter and is having a great spring. As always, members of our class are up to exciting activities.

After dating for seven years, Allison Turza and Dan Bajger were married on October 2 at Congressional Country Club in Bethesda, Md. [See photo.] More than 30 College alumni were in attendance. Allison is pursuing a Ph.D. in psychology at GSAS. Dan recently graduated from law school and is clerking for a judge in New Jersey. The couple resides in New York City.

Elizabeth Epstein shares some exciting news. She and Jonathan Miller were engaged in November and will be married on July 4.

Tricia Ebner was to graduate from Harvard's Graduate School of Design with a master's in architecture in January.

Dongkwan (DK) Kim shares, "I will be honorably discharged from the Korean Military after serving three years as an intelligence and interpreter officer in the Republic of Korea Defense Security Command, a military intelligence agency. I am recently admitted by and plan to attend Harvard Law School in the fall."

Marianna Zaslavsky was accepted to the Business School and will begin in September. She writes,



Two Columbia families merged on a beautiful October day in New Rochelle, N.Y., when Aaron Tolkin '08 married Dena (Nachman) Tolkin '09 Barnard. The happy families included (left to right) Steven Nachman '82L, Dr. Sharon Nachman, the bride, the groom, Julie Tolkin '83 Barnard and Eric Tolkin '82.

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"I plan to focus on finance and entrepreneurship. I'm excited to be back on campus and be a part of the community again." Tao Tan will graduate from the Business School in May and "will join Bank of America Merrill Lynch Financial Sponsors Group, where two of my colleagues (and my boss) will be CC alumni!"

Avi Zenilman writes, "I recently moved out of my grandmother's house, making it the first time in 14 months I'm living without a family member." Avi jokes, "I am happy to have a room of my own."

Kasia Nihamina spent part of December at the Edna St. Vincent Millay Colony for the Arts in Austerlitz, N.Y., working on her second play, *Nixon Out of Office*. You can see video clips of scenes from the play on her blog, TheMayorsHotel.com. Kasia and her husband, Ilya, are visiting India in March.

Many of our classmates traveled during the winter holidays. Samantha Roitstein writes, "Andre Coville '07E and I planned to go to Tahoe and New Mexico to snowboard."

David Greenhouse shared in December, "I'm typing this from Oldenburg in northwest Germany, where I'm spending a long week-end. Next, I'm heading to India for the trip of a lifetime, traveling around Delhi and Rajasthan then going down south to Kerala. Living in the United Kingdom provides some great travel opportunities."

Thank you as always for everything!

08

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Based on the e-mails I've been receiving, it looks like our class is busy, busy, busy! Check out the latest news:

PJ Berg and Caroline Gilliam Walsh can be found at Princeton's Woodrow Wilson School, where

they are "studying public policy, adapting to the New Jersey way of life and rekindling the brother/sisterhood that began in Alpha Delta Phi," according to PJ.

Adam Katz is "in love," which is to say, he has finished his first semester in the English literature Ph.D. program at SUNY Stony Brook.

Calvin Sun is attending SUNY Downstate Medical School, where he is the president of his med school class. He recently completed an adventurous trip that is documented on monsoonidaries.com, and he will "be doing another crazy world summer trip next summer with Stephanie Quan."

Also on the med school track is Anna Granat. After spending the first two years out of Columbia doing research and grant writing, she "finally got back to med school. I started at USC Keck School of Medicine in Los Angeles this fall and am feeling right at home. There's a pretty large contingent of Columbia (CC, post-bac, M.P.H.) affiliates in our class, and I grew up in California so am happy to be back in the land of snow-free winters!" Anna adds, "I encourage anyone applying to med school out here or wondering about a potential transplant to Los Angeles (i.e., How does life go on after New York?) to get in touch with me."

Laura Kleinbaum lives in SoHo with Alison Hillier and is finishing her first semester in a two-year M.F.A. program for musical theatre writing at NYU Tisch. "Stay tuned this summer for news about my shows," she says.

Dena Nachman '09 Barnard and Aaron Tolkin were married in October. "We live in Miami, and I am a revenue management senior analyst at Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines," says Aaron. "Miami is great, but we definitely miss the Northeast." [See photo.]

Justin Fiske proposed to Mallory Carr '09 in February 2010, and

the two will be married in July in Los Angeles. Justin is graduating in May, receiving his master of education, higher education administration from USC. He was invited to speak at a national conference (NASPA, Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education) in Philadelphia in March, presenting his research findings on China's university career services during his trip to Beijing, in summer 2010.

It has been a great year for **Carmen Jo Ponce**. "I am finishing my last year at Duke Law. I received a job offer from Baker Botts law firm, and I am looking forward to beginning my career there. Most exciting of all, I recently got engaged to the love of my life! Two-thousand-ten was a great year!"

Stephanie Davidson is finishing her first semester at Harvard Law and says she is "so lucky to have a bunch of fellow Columbians in my section, including Josie Duffy '09, Madison Condon '08E, Innokenty Prytkanov '10, Shira Hoffman '08 Barnard, Alexis Wanzenberg '09 and Elian Martz '07. I also get to study a lot with Taylor Walsh, who is getting her Ph.D. in art history here. I'm hoping to do women's rights litigation during the summer, ideally back in NYC."

09

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Michael Charley and Tom Stewart decided that now was as good a time as ever to bring an old idea for an invention they had to the market. After a year of toiling, designing and manufacturing, they started selling the Salsabot at salsabot.com. It is "a bowl with a lip so you don't spill your dip." Their first shipment arrived in May, and they sold out before the end of the year. They have high hopes for 2011.

Joanna Sloane is the online multimedia editor for the *New York Daily News* website (nydailynews.com). Joanna creates original photo galleries commenting on fashion trends, celebrity gossip and entertainment. She also writes hilarious recaps of television shows such as *Jersey Shore*.

Dan Trepanier is back in school pursuing a two-year menswear design program at FIT. Beyond the classroom, Dan runs his blog, thestyleblogger.com, which continues to grow and now averages 5,000 hits daily from 139 countries. Dan will be starting his own clothing line, which should launch by the end of this year. Also in the pipeline is a possible reality show he has been discussing with TV

production agents based on a series of web episodes on his blog. In the meantime, Dan has opened an image consultancy, landing his first celebrity personal styling client.

Nick LaCava, Eric Heinbockel '08 and Fabian Kaempfer (an exchange student from Germany) launched Chocozine.com. It is the first chocolate company in the United States that allows people to custom-design their chocolate bars by choosing from more than 100 ingredients. They have had a great start so far, as they have been featured in *O, the Oprah Magazine*; *The New York Times*; and *The Wall Street Journal*, and have been featured on *The Today Show* and many others. They have had a lot of fun working together as Columbia alumni. [Editor's note: Read more in the January/February feature, "How to Cope During a Recession? Start a Food or Beverage Business" (college.columbia.edu/cct/jan_feb11).]

10

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You have a lot of exciting updates to share, so I'll get right to the point!

James Bogner reminds us that some Columbians haven't strayed too far from the 116th Street gates. James works in financial aid, **Whitney Green '10E** and **Angela Velez** are in admissions, and **Cliff Massey** works in SEAS alumni relations.

Amenah Bordin works in the casting department at Arena Stage, a large regional theater in Washington, D.C. She fills her days and nights with theater, since part of her job is at an office 9-5 and the other part of her job is seeing theater shows in the D.C. area. She intends to continue pursuing a career in the artistic side of theater, perhaps going to graduate school for directing in a few years (her top choice is currently the School of the Arts!).

After graduation, **Chiara Arcidy** moved into an apartment in Washington Heights with her childhood best friend and started working at a talent agency. She was excited to head home to New Hampshire for the holidays but still prefers the month-long breaks at Columbia to her one-week-a-year vacation time.

Chris Da Silva is pursuing a master's of accounting (M.Acc) from the USC Leventhal School of Accounting in Los Angeles and will graduate in May. He has signed on to work for Ernst & Young in San Jose, Calif., as a first-year audit staffer starting in September. Chris is excited to begin his audit career for a Big Four accounting firm specializing in the Silicon Valley technology industry.

Since graduating with a B.A. in art

history, **Elizabeth Kobak** wrote and recorded a few pop tracks during the summer. She is pursuing her M.S. in journalism at Northwestern's Medill School of Journalism, where she is a broadcast major. Liz aspires to be a television news anchor.

She writes, "I began a new chapter in my life last September, living in an American city other than New York City for the first time. However, in the summer before my junior year, I did live and study in Venice. Anyway, just like New Yorkers, I find Chicagoans are warm, helpful and have a good sense of humor, which has helped me adjust well to my new urban environment. I've also come to understand why Chicago is the one and only Windy City. Although the Big Apple has its fair share of wind, running against Chicago's wind is far more difficult than the former. Regardless, I am facing those winds in my quest for my delicious, warm slice of Chicago deep-dish pizza."

Rachel Aima, **Frances Bodomo** and **Sarah Leonard** have taken up residence in Prospect Heights, where they make films and write essays of grave cultural import. When not wedged uncomfortably between invading strollers, they express solidarity with fellow members of the creative class by frequenting cafes and watching their bangs grow.

Billy Organeke writes, "I'm in Singapore starting my own business, and I plan to come back to New York for law school next year. Singapore is great, but I miss everyone in New York. If you find yourself in Asia in the next few months, let me know!"

Natalie Gossett loves Villanova Law and asserts it is not as hard as everyone claims it is. She will specialize in entertainment and intellectual property law. So far, Natalie has enjoyed playing with her new dog, Angelina, and going out in downtown Philly. She took a much-needed break in November to see **Chiara Arcidy**, **Alyson Cohen** and **Ashley Moss**; they had quite a night at the Empire Hotel.

Jonathan Maimon took a short vacation from the tumult of New York to visit **Raul Mendoza** in New Orleans, where Raul is a teacher for Teach for America. While there, the former John Jay neighbors lived it up. Being an excellent host, Raul made sure that they saw local New Orleans bands playing "When the Saints Go Marching In" and "The Treble Song." They also had amazing desserts such as Bananas Foster French Toast and beignets, and consumed some classic New Orleans drinks: Fimm's Cup and the Ramos' Gin Fizz.

In late December, **Alban Brann**, **Dave Collier '09** and **Raul Mendoza** traveled from New Orleans

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a version of an essay he wrote about his disease, "The Passage of Time" (November 12, 2010, <http://cityroom.blogs.nytimes.com>; search for "Selinger").

These days, my father enlists help from others to write his newest pieces. His speech is slow and slurred and he cannot spend too long working before exhaustion creeps in. But he has found a sense of purpose in the twilight of illness that he never found in all those years of courtrooms and pinstriped suits. I think he's finally happy. ☐

Hannah Selinger '02 holds an M.F.A. in creative writing from Emerson College, where she was a Presidential Merit Fellow. Her writing has appeared on *RawStory.com* and in *Eclipse*, *Zone 3*, *The South Carolina Review*, *Pennsylvania English*, *New Voices*, *RiverSedge*, *Lullwater Review* and *The South Dakota Review*.

to meet up with **Tom Smejkal** in Morningside Heights for a brief reunion. They capped off their soiree by ringing in a victory for alma mater during a game of trivia at 1020. Friend **Varun Gulati '10E** also made an unlikely appearance during the evening.

Valerie Sapozhnikova has been working in New York since graduation and still has trouble believing she's an alumna. She misses her friends, classmates, professors and the Columbia campus!

Finally, **Chris Yim** once again amazes us with his... adventures. Chris writes, "After having a military scare (i.e., the South Korean government was asking me to serve in its army), I came back to the United States with my fiancée, whom I met and proposed to while abroad. I met her while seeking spiritual refuge at a Buddhist temple in Hanam, Korea. She has been someone whom I have been able to share my terrible scorpion sting story with. Now that I am back in the States, we are planning our destination wedding in Myrtle Beach, and I am looking for a job in the agricultural field, preferably in Northern California. Though it has only been six months since we graduated, I feel a world away from the youthful self I once was in New York. I look in the mirror each day and see a happy man, filled with earnest ambition and hope for the future. I would like to thank President Obama '83 for this inspiration."

That's all the news for now. Please stay in touch! ☐



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ALUMNI CORNER

Living the Life Unexpected

BY HANNAH SELINGER '02

My father, Neil Selinger '75, worked at the same law firm for 31 years. He started his career as a law clerk in 1976, while he was completing law school at NYU. A year earlier, he had graduated from Columbia with a degree in English. He had married young and gone straight to law school while my mother, Judith Cowan '75 Barnard, worked as a paralegal at a glossy downtown law firm.

For the last 15 years of his tenure at Lowey Dannenberg Bernporad and Selinger, my father was a managing partner, assuming various administrative roles and overseeing issues with his staff. He was good at his job and was considered the office mediator, a gentle chime of reason in a chorus of loud voices. I couldn't have known, growing up, the depths of my father's discontent. It turns out that the law firm where I spent so many school vacations and latchkey days was where my father went to mourn circumstance. Law school had fallen in his lap, not unlike his too-young marriage that ended in divorce, and he had made a left turn into a legal career when he just as easily could have made a right turn into any other field. I followed, not unintentionally, in my father's footsteps. At 18, I found myself at Columbia, and at 20 I was declaring English as my major, too. For a while, I set my sights on law school, until my father suggested an alternate route. He found the law exhausting, limiting and creatively void, he told me. He saw in me, I think, some unfinished version of himself, the possibilities of life unfolding a second time; I could make a different choice.

An outsider never would have suspected how my father felt about his job. As a lawyer, he was successful, renowned in his field, respected, admired. He took down large corporations for class-action plaintiffs and he made good money in the process. He was listed, year after year, in *The New York Times*' Super Lawyer list, a compendium of men and women at the top of their field. He had been praised by judges and colleagues for his clear and concise arguments, and he had been asked time and again to speak at national investor conferences. A specialist in investor-related litigation, his career appeared to be at an apex.

And then, at 54, he retired.

To some, my father's decision to leave the law was abrupt, but to us — my stepmother and sisters — the decision did not come as a surprise. What had begun as a mild unease had developed into deep unhappiness. The law provided no sense of purpose for my father, no altruism, no soul. If he had wanted to do other things in life, those things had grown stale with time, sinking to the bottom of lists upon lists of unmet goals. He wanted to travel the world. He wanted to buy a *pied-a-terre* in Italy and a cabin in Vermont. He wanted to tutor underprivileged kids at the local high school, or volunteer at the soup kitchen more than once a year, or build houses

with Habitat for Humanity. Most of all, he wanted to pen his memoir, a project for which he simply had never found the time.

When my father retired in 2007, he was in the enviable position of being able to start tackling his long wish list of dreams. He did travel a little, and he volunteered at Mamaroneck H.S., and he built houses with my youngest sister during her spring break. And he had time for his memoir. He spent afternoons holed up in his home office, writing about his New Jersey childhood, and at the end of the first year of his freedom, my father had a manuscript to show for his efforts.

He was still playing basketball once a week when he noticed that his lateral movement had decreased. First it was his hip, and then a disagreeable left leg that stumbled a bit too often. My father had been a distance runner for most of his life and had run the New York City Marathon in 1992; in the years following, when he experienced the athletic withering marked by

sore knees and back and stiffened joints, he attributed his clumsiness to age.

Except that it wasn't age. By spring 2009, a handful of symptoms had drawn the interest of a neurologist. My father, still young and a parent to one Columbia graduate (me), one Columbia first-year (my sister Emily '12) and one high school sophomore (my sister Julia '15), was diagnosed with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), otherwise known as Lou Gehrig's disease. From there, months became stages. He walked with a walking stick, then a cane, then a geriatric metal walker, and then he sat patiently as we pushed him in a black vinyl wheelchair. Eventually, he took up residence in a Permobil motorized wheelchair, delivered to our family home in my father's

chosen color, metallic blue.

Some would find pity in such misfortune, but my father has never been a man to wallow. He gave up many of the things he loved, some large and some small. For 15 years, he was an active board member and officer of the Columbia College Alumni Association, where he chaired a committee on student affairs for many years. As months wore on and he grew weaker, he could no longer make the meetings and so he left the association behind, just as he had left basketball and running and dining at nice restaurants. Walking away from what brought him joy couldn't have been easy, but my father never looked too far into the dark side of his condition. When he could still type, he spent hours revising his manuscript and sending queries to literary agents, pinning his retirement hopes on unlikely possibilities. My father's fingers curled and bent and he had to rely on the rest of us to type for him, but his persistence was rewarded: An agent signed him and sold his book, *A Sloan Product: A Memoir of a Lost Boy* (available at amazon.com and bn.com), and *The New York Times* subsequently published online

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Neil Selinger '75 relaxes with his daughter, Hannah '02, on the island of Korcula in Croatia in August 2009, shortly after he was diagnosed with ALS.

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Columbians will be dispersed throughout the Heights and greater Gotham all weekend long, but Saturday is everyone's day on campus. This year's Saturday programming will invite all alumni back to celebrate some of the best aspects of Columbia at the affinity receptions, and learn together with some of Columbia's best known leaders, including Dean Michele Moody-Adams, in a series of public intellectual lectures. The day wraps up with the reunion classes' tri-college wine tasting, followed by class dinners and a final gathering for champagne, dancing and good times on Low Plaza.

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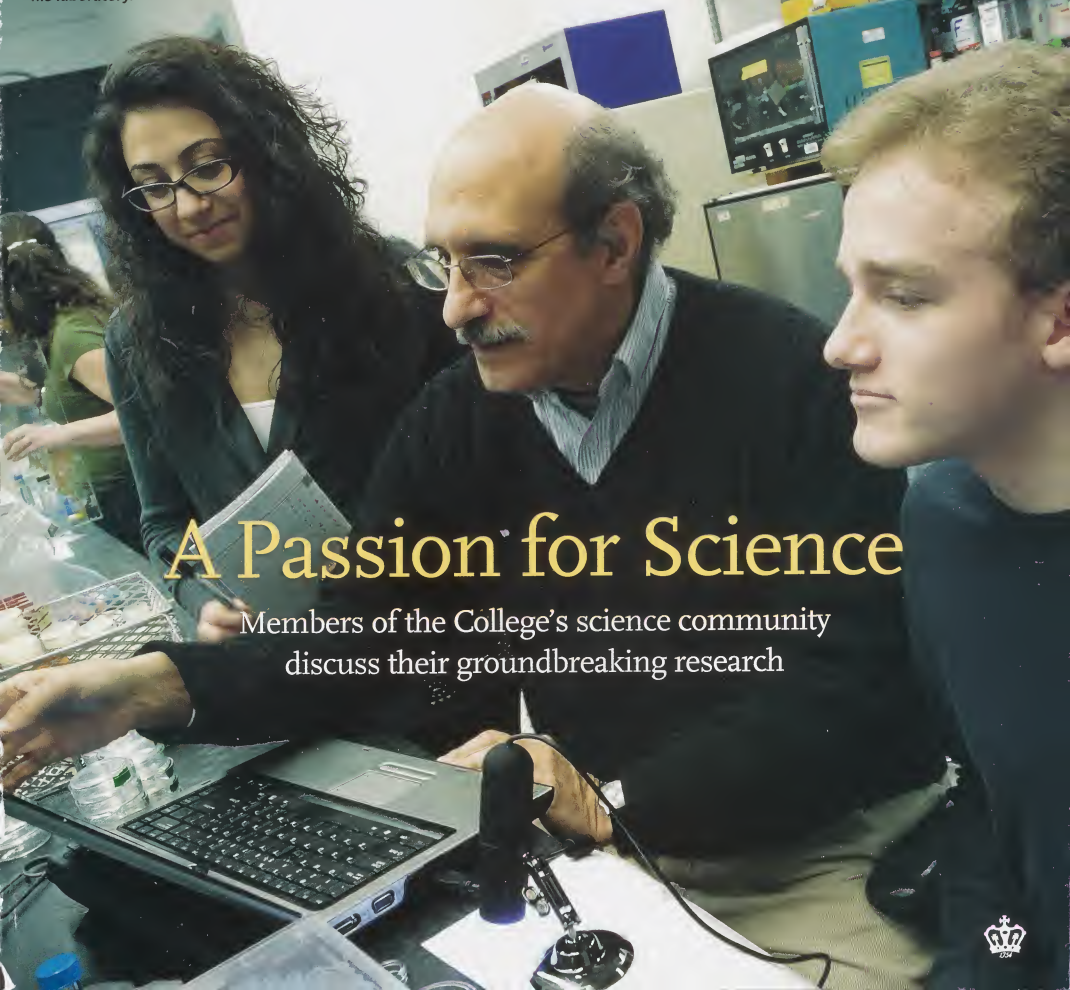
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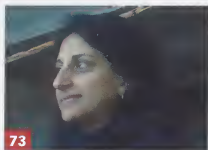
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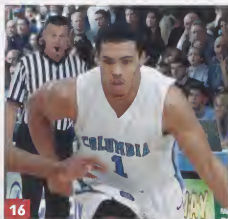
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Letters to the Editor

Joe Coffee Jr. '41

Thank you for your rich account of Joseph
D. Coffee Jr. '41's rich life ("Obituaries,"
March/April).

Mr. Coffee was my off-campus inter-
viewer when I was applying to Columbia.
Friends had prepared me for all kinds of
awful interview questions. But Mr. Coffee's
question was disarmingly simple: "Why
do you want to go to college?" Not why Col-
umbia, but why college. It was the unasked
question behind the enterprise that I had
been involved in for all the years of my edu-
cation. I loved it. More than 20 years later, it
is the only interview that I re-
member. And it remains one
of the most memorable, and
most characteristic, of all my
experiences at Columbia.

Ron Lee Meyers '92
New York City

The excellent obituary of Joe
Coffee Jr. '41 reminded me
of the lucky break I had in
meeting him in 1948. I had
graduated from the Col-
lege in June and entered the
Business School that fall and
needed a job. I can't remember Joe's title but
I believe he was on the University payroll.
At that time, he was spending most of his
time with the Columbia College Alumni
Association (CCAA) and he hired me, with
a title of assistant secretary of the associa-
tion and a salary of \$200 a month.

Joe had the idea that led to the Alexan-
der Hamilton Medal, and among the first
awardees was V.K. Wellington Koo (Class
of 1909, Class of 1912 GSAS), Chiang Kai-
Shek's ambassador at the time. It took a
super-human effort to get 450 people into
the Waldorf, but the next year's honoree,
"Wild Bill" Donovan (Class of 1905), fared
much better.

Joe was a tremendous source of ideas —
Dean's Day was next. His enthusiasm and
boundless energy inspired the immensely
talented group that ran the Alumni Associa-
tion to make sure these concepts didn't
suffer crib deaths. Having the district attor-
ney of New York County, Frank Hogan
'24, '28L, as president of the CCAA made
life for me extraordinarily exciting and re-
warding. On the campus, Harry Carman
'19 GSAS was still dean, soon to be suc-
ceeded by Larry Chamberlain '45 GSAS,
and their great support and willingness to

help was greatly appreciated.

What a great start Joe Coffee gave to
a new alumnus who still treasures his
friendship and guidance.

John C. Thomas Jr. '48, '50 Business
New York City

Dubious Modernism

CCT editor Alex Sachare '71 deserves
praise for his candor regarding the new
Northwest Corner Building: "I'm not a fan
of these metal walls on Broadway and West
120th Street, which a friend describes as a
giant cheese-grater." ("Within the Family,"
March/April).

If only the dubious mod-
ernists entrusted with Col-
umbia's architectural heri-
tage evinced similar bravery.
For the last 50 years, most of
the buildings erected on the
Morningside Heights cam-
pus have been uninspired
at best, egregious at worst,
and altogether ruinous to
the original McKim, Mead
& White aesthetic.

One would have thought
we had learned our lesson
from the late 1950s and early 1960s, when
Mudd, Carman, Ferris Booth, Law, Interna-
tional Affairs and Uris combined to despoil
Columbia's Beaux-Arts unity with their
jarring, ugly, soulless presence. But no. The
1970s brought the Sherman Fairchild Cen-
ter for the Life Sciences, looking like a col-
lection of solar panels attached to a central
core. In the 1980s, East Campus arose like a
threatening monolith out of 2001: *A Space
Odyssey*. In the new century, the Law School
addition resembles a glass and steel box
topped by an ocean liner's smokestack.

Perhaps no recent building was more ea-
gerly anticipated, and so dismally executed,
as Lerner Hall. Students and alumni thought
that undergraduates would finally receive
the spacious activities center they deserved.
Instead, they got a disjointed monstrosity
whose huge sloping ramps — which call to
mind a Pachinko machine — waste the
precious square footage that should have
been given over to club space. I recently
showed Lerner to a prospective College
freshman. Gazing at the skeletal ramps and
see-through facade she asked innocently, "Is
it still under construction?" Honest.

How does the University, with all of its

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WITHIN THE FAMILY

The Times, They Continue To Change

During my first semester at the College, I attended a presentation by a representative of the New York City Police Department. He was on campus as a recruiter, looking for students who might be interested in careers in law enforcement after graduation. If that sounds a bit strange, consider that this was in fall 1967, months before the demonstrations and the police bust that left an indelible impression on anyone who was on campus on the night of April 30, 1968.

I've long since forgotten the speaker's name, but I remember one thing he said. The basic point of his pitch was this: Wouldn't the city be better off with police officers who have been educated at schools like Columbia and who have put considerable thought into their choice of law enforcement as a career, as opposed to those who signed up because they were attracted by the prospect of wearing a badge and carrying a gun and putting in their 20 years before they got out?

I don't know if anyone in that room took him up on his offer, and I confess I didn't give much thought to his point at the time. As a first-semester freshman, I wasn't particularly career-focused — and police work would have been toward the bottom of a list had I had one. I'd gone purely out of curiosity, the same impulse that took me to many other such events that year. I thought it would be interesting to hear what a police recruiter had to say and what his pitch might be to a classroom of Columbians.

His message came back to me during the debate about whether to invite ROTC back to campus, after Congress voted in December to repeal the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy that had prohibited openly gay men and women from serving in the military. Six years ago, the University Senate (whose decisions are non-binding) voted 53-10 against inviting ROTC back, largely because "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" contradicted the University's policy against discrimination. But this spring, after surveying students,

soliciting e-mails from other members of the Columbia community and holding three open forums, the Senate voted 51-17 (with one abstention) to approve a resolution to invite ROTC back (see "Around the Quads"). Later that same day, the University issued a statement saying it would take the issue before the Council of Deans, with a final decision expected to come before the end of the school year.

It seems to me that the police recruiter's message applies to the military as well. Wouldn't the country be better off with military officers who are educated at schools like Columbia? That, to me, is a compelling reason to invite ROTC back to campus.

Taking "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" off the board, are there other U.S. military policies that stand in conflict with those of the University? This is a very important question, and any action regarding ROTC should depend upon a satisfactory answer. But if there are no conflicts, ROTC should be viewed not as a referendum on U.S. military service or governmental policies but rather for what it is: an opportunity for students who want to serve in the military to receive extensive expert training and to enter service as officers.

Beyond the Core, the majors and everything else they absorb in the classroom, an important part of what students learn while attending the College is how to make life choices. As long as the policies of the U.S. military do not conflict with those of the University, shouldn't ROTC be one such choice for Columbia students?

Dean's Day, which used to be a stand-alone event, now is part of Alumni Reunion Weekend and will take place this year on Saturday, June 4 (<https://alumni.college.columbia.edu/deansday>). Its creator, Joe Coffee Jr. '41, passed away in Janu-



ary (see "Obituaries," March/April) but must be looking down with pride on how his baby has grown. The fact that several private companies have copied the idea and made similar programs available to the public, albeit at a much higher cost than what Columbia charges, is a testament to its merit.

This year's program is a strong one, beginning with the Dean's Continental Breakfast, at which Dean Michele Moody-Adams will offer remarks on the state of the College. Moody-Adams will then join Deans Feniosky Peña-Mora (Engineering) and Peter Awn (General Studies) and E.V.P. of Arts and Sciences and Dean of Faculty Nicholas Dirks to deliver Public Intellectual Lectures. After lunch, five distinguished faculty members will conduct Core Curriculum lectures, several affinity groups will hold receptions and alumni singers from a spectrum of groups will raise their voices in song.

The entire program (which is free to reunion registrants) is open to all alumni and parents at the nominal cost of \$75. If you want to eat on your own and just attend the lectures and other events, the cost is only \$25. It's a unique opportunity to be a student for a day and hear from some of Columbia's best and brightest.

Well done, Joe.

Alvin Scharf

AROUND THE QUADS

Alumni To Gather for Reunion Weekend

Gala weekend June 2–5 for classes ending in 1 and 6;

Dean's Day, June 4, open to all

BY LISA PALLADINO

Spring at Columbia means a beautiful campus, warm weather and the College's biggest event of the year: Alumni Reunion Weekend. Open this year to alumni from classes ending in 1 and 6, events will take place on campus and throughout New York City from Thursday, June 2–Sunday, June 5.

Dean's Day, which is open to all alumni and parents whether from reunion classes or not, will be held on Saturday, June 4. To highlight this year's program, Dean Michele Moody-Adams, as well as the deans of Engineering, General Studies and the faculty of Arts and Sciences, will deliver the Public Intellectual Lectures at Dean's Day.

The entire weekend is designed to reconnect alumni with one another and with the College while also offering family-friendly events and a touch of the undergraduate experience through lectures and panels. Each class' Reunion Committee has been working hard in conjunction



Dean Michele Moody-Adams will speak on "Morality and the Claims of History" at Dean's Day this year.

with the Alumni Office to make the weekend fun and memorable. Events will include class-specific gatherings such as receptions, cocktail parties, panels and dinners; "Back on Campus" sessions featuring Core Curriculum lectures, Engineering

lectures, tours of Columbia libraries and facilities, and more; New York City cultural options, including performances and art gallery tours; the all-class Wine Tasting and Starlight Reception with music, dancing and champagne on Low Plaza; and Camp Columbia for Kids.

The 50th anniversary class, 1961, starts the weekend early with a special reception on Wednesday, June 1. The weekend officially kicks off on Thursday evening, June 2, with class-specific events and a choice of the American Ballet Theatre, New York Philharmonic or Broadway shows. These performances are open to all reunion attendees, but tickets must be purchased in advance.

Friday, June 3, features an "Essentials of Estate Planning" breakfast and Back on Campus morning sessions, followed by class-specific events, campus tours and more learning opportunities. That evening, alumni may attend class-specific cocktail parties/receptions and dinners. Those who observe the Sabbath may participate in a Tri-College (College, Engineering, Barnard) Shabbat service and dinner.

Friday evening also features one of the biggest and most popular events for young alumni (Classes 2001–2011), a party aboard the recently restored *U.S.S. Intrepid*. Join Engineering, Barnard and GS friends and classmates for dancing, flight simulation, food and limited open bar. Tickets will be available for purchase in advance at college.columbia.edu/intrepid or for \$35 on-site the night of the event.

Starting at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, June 4, attendees' children ages 3–12 may attend the all-day supervised Camp Columbia for Kids. Also on Saturday morning, all alumni, including Dean's Day participants, may sign up for the Dean's Continental Breakfast, where Moody-Adams will give an update on the College



The Starlight Reception highlights the weekend with music and dancing under a tent on Low Plaza.

and present the President's Cup.

After breakfast, events continue for all reunion alumni and Dean's Day attendees with morning Public Intellectual Lectures, lunches and early afternoon Mini-Core Courses.

Late afternoon options include affinity group receptions, open to all reunion alumni and Dean's Day attendees. Back for an encore on Saturday, after a successful debut last year, will be the Columbia Alumni Singers, who will gather in the morning for a rehearsal, then regroup for an afternoon performance and reception.

Other afternoon affinity group options include a Varsity Athletics gathering, *Spectator* gathering, and an Afternoon Tea and Music of Columbia Concert, featuring a string quartet playing music composed by fellow Columbians, among others.

Reunion classes will continue the celebration on Saturday evening with the all-class Wine Tasting, elegant class-specific dinners and the all-class Starlight Reception, with music, dancing and champagne on Low Plaza. The weekend wraps up on Sunday morning with *The New York Times* and a bagels and lox brunch.

Reunion class members can register and learn more at reunion.college.columbia.edu



Alumni Reunion Weekend offers a plethora of family-friendly activities.

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bia.edu. New this year, the Classes of 1986–2006 can register via smartphone. (See your class' Class Notes column in this issue for details and your class' URL.)

Class of 2010 One-Year Reunion Celebration

The Class of 2010 kicks off the reunion season in May with a new event this year, a One-Year Reunion Celebration, to be held on Friday, May 20, from 7:30–9:30 p.m. at Astor Center, 399 Lafayette St. (at East 4th Street). A \$25 ticket to this private reception with College and Engineering classmates includes a full bar and hors d'oeuvres. Space is limited, so register by Tuesday, May 17: college.columbia.edu/2010reunion.

Also new this year is the ability to send classmates an e-postcard to say hello and to encourage them to attend reunion (<https://alumni.college.columbia.edu/reunion/postcard>).

Non-reunion class members can register for Dean's Day and select lectures at <https://alumni.college.columbia.edu/deansday>.

For more information or assistance with either event, contact the Alumni Office: 212-851-7488 or 866-CCALUMNI.

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Dean's Day 2011 is particularly noteworthy, as we are proud to announce that the Public Intellectual Lectures will be delivered by Michele Moody-Adams, dean, Columbia College and vice president for undergraduate education; Feniosky Peña-Mora, dean, The Fu Foundation School of Engineering and Applied Science; Nicholas Dirks, executive vice president for Arts and Sciences and dean of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences; and Peter Awn, dean of the School of General Studies.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

8:00 a.m.	Registration Opens — Alfred Lerner Hall
8:30–10:15 a.m.	Dean's Continental Breakfast with Opening Address by Michele Moody-Adams, Dean, Columbia College
9:30 a.m.	Camp Columbia for Kids
10:30–11:45 a.m.	Public Intellectual Lectures
Noon–1:30 p.m.	Lunch
2:00–3:30 p.m.	Core Curriculum Lectures
3:30–5:00 p.m.	Affinity Receptions, including <i>Columbia Daily Spectator</i> , Varsity Athletics and a special performance by the Columbia Alumni Singers


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Class of 2011 Approaches Class Day, Commencement

BY ALEX SACHARE '71

For the more than 1,000 members of the Class of 2011, graduation season finally is here.

This year's seniors will join the ranks of Columbia College alumni following Class Day ceremonies on Tuesday, May 17, and Commencement on Wednesday, May 18. Alexandra Wallace Creed '88, senior v.p. of NBC News, will be this year's Class Day speaker. She is only the second alumna to address the graduating class, joining Claire Shipman '86, '94 SIPA, who spoke before the Class of 1999.

Highlighting Class Day, as it has for the past eight years, will be the Alumni Parade of Classes, in which alumni carry their class year banners in the procession-

al that also includes graduating students, faculty and administrators. This parade underscores the transition the graduates are making from students to alumni, and emphasizes that their Columbia connection is lifelong.

Alumni are invited to represent their class by carrying its banner in the procession, which starts at 9:30 a.m. and is preceded by a breakfast for parade participants in John Jay Dining Hall. Alumni interested in taking part in this tradition should contact Nick Mider, event coordinator, alumni affairs: nm2613@columbia.edu or 212-851-7486.

Later that day, the annual Academic Awards and Prizes Ceremony, at which



Students celebrate at Class Day 2010.

students are recognized for their academic achievements, will be held in Faculty House at 3:00 p.m.

The day after Class Day, the members of the Class of 2011 will participate in Commencement, where more than 11,000 degree candidates from all University schools and approximately 20,000 guests will fill Low Plaza and South Field.

The Baccalaureate Service, an interfaith, intercultural service celebrating the completion of each undergraduate's academic career, kicks off the graduation season at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, May 15, in St. Paul's Chapel. This year's keynote speaker will be Peter Awn, dean of General Studies.



Banner-carriers in the Alumni Parade of Classes were cheered on by last year's graduating seniors.

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Panels Highlight Forum in Washington, D.C.

Approximately 300 alumni, parents and friends turned out for a Columbia World Leaders Forum on April 2 at the Ronald Reagan Building in Washington, D.C. The Columbia Alumni Association event featured four panel discussions: "An Insider's View of Columbia: Today and Tomorrow," "Global Health Care Policy and

Reform in Today's World," "Student Voices: Around Campus" and "Global Press." Panelists included Dean Michele Moody-Adams, Provost Claude Steele, ABC News journalist Claire Shipman '86, '94 SIPA and FCC Chairman Julius Genachowski '85. There also was a welcome address from President Lee C. Bollinger; a keynote address by Assistant Attorney General Lanny Breuer '80, '84 SIPA, '85L (who filled in because his boss, Attorney General Eric H. Holder Jr. '73, '76L, was unable to attend); and a school-based networking luncheon.



Dean Michele Moody-Adams (far left) moderates the student panel with (from left) Sarah Khan '11, Tao Tan '07, '11 Business and Laura Kelley '11 PH.



President Lee C. Bollinger (right) greets Assistant Attorney General Lanny Breuer '80, '84 SIPA, '85L at the forum.

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Senate Votes To Invite Return of ROTC

By ALEX SACHARE '71

The University Senate voted on April 1 to support inviting the Reserve Officers Training Corps back to the Columbia campus. Shortly afterward, the University issued a statement indicating the issue would go before the Council of Deans, and a final decision could be expected before the end of the semester.

ROTC, which has units at more than 300 campuses, has not been at Columbia since 1969, following anti-Vietnam War demonstrations in Spring 1968. Columbia students wishing to participate in ROTC must train at Fordham University (Army) or Manhattan College (Air Force) or serve extended sessions in Quantico, Va. (Marines).

The senate, whose recommendations are nonbinding, voted 51-17, with one abstention, to approve the resolution that states, in part, "Columbia University welcomes the opportunity to explore mutually beneficial relationships with the Armed Forces of the United States, including participation in the programs of the Reserve Officers Training Corps."

The vote capped several months of Senate debate regarding the return of ROTC, which began shortly after Congress voted in December to repeal the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy that had prohibited openly gay men and women from serving in the military. The Senate's task force for military engagement conducted a student survey in February, with 60 percent of respondents in favor of the return of ROTC, held three town hall-style meetings and invited comments via e-mail from the



For many years, Columbia's Corps of Midshipmen drilled on College Walk and in neighboring streets.

Columbia community.

Soon after the Senate vote was announced, the University issued a statement to media that read, "We appreciate the diligent work by the University Senate in fostering a robust debate on the issue of military engagement and ROTC. As in any diverse, open community there will always be a range of strongly held opinions on such important issues. But as President [Lee C.] Bollinger stated after last December's Congressional vote, the repeal of 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell' offers an historic opportunity for universities to reconsider their own policies as well. As planned, we look forward to sharing the Senate resolution with the Council of Deans and seeking an official conclusion on this matter by the end of the semester."

Even if Bollinger follows the Senate recommendation, it does not mean ROTC will return to campus. A branch of the military would need to agree to start a

program at Columbia, and University officials would need to negotiate terms of the program with the Department of Defense.

On March 4, Harvard, which has been without ROTC since 1971, signed an agreement to bring a naval ROTC program back to its campus effective on the date of the repeal of "Don't Ask, Don't Tell." At Columbia's Senate meeting, there was a late push to add an amendment stating that the resolution would not take effect until the repeal is officially implemented, but Bollinger indicated he would not bring an ROTC program to Columbia until that point.

Columbia was involved with ROTC since the program's beginnings in 1916, forming one of the first Naval ROTC detachments in the nation. For more than 50 years, ROTC students took Naval Science classes, drilled on College Walk and in neighboring streets, and worked on ships and submarines in New York Harbor. Columbia's NROTC program graduated thousands of students to become naval officers. At its peak, Columbia's Corps of Midshipmen rivaled the Naval Academy in size.

Six years ago, the Senate voted 53-10 against inviting ROTC back to campus. "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" was cited by opponents as a contradiction of Columbia's policy of nondiscrimination.

The University Senate, which was created in May 1969 in the wake of the demonstrations that rocked the Columbia campus the year before, has 108 voting seats, with 63 reserved for faculty, 24 for students, six for officers of research, two each for administrative staff, librarians and alumni, and nine for senior administrators including the president, who chairs monthly plenaries.

For more, go to columbia.edu/cu/senate/militaryengagement.

Brill, Nnadi Win Goldwaters

Zachary Brill '12, from Somerset, N.J., and Chimno Nnadi '12, from New Milford, N.J., both chemistry majors, each received the \$7,500 2011 Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship in March. The scholarship is the most prestigious national undergraduate award for students studying the sciences, mathematics and engineering.

Brill has worked in the lab of Professor Scott Snyder since 2009. He plans to pursue a Ph.D. in chemistry focusing on the total synthesis of natural products. In 2010, Brill received the Class of 1939 fellowship to pursue independent research. He is a violinist with the Columbia University Orchestra and a member of the Chandler Chemistry Society.

Nnadi, who works in Professor John Hunt's lab, will study molecular biology in a M.D./Ph.D. program. In 2009, she received a Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship grant. Nnadi is active with CU Emergency Medical Services and the Undergraduate Recruitment Committee.

Dmitry Timerman '12E, a biomedical engineering major, received honorable mention.

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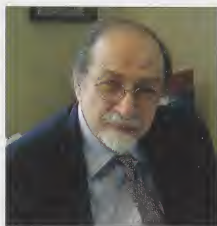
ALUMNI IN THE NEWS

■ **Robert K. Kraft '63** has donated \$20 million to Partners HealthCare, a Boston-based nonprofit health care system. The owner of the New England Patriots hopes his donation will galvanize states and philanthropists to invest in programs through which doctors and nurses impact a broader community, instead of specializing and joining private practices. In an interview with Boston.com, Kraft noted that while patients arrive from overseas for Boston's elite medical care, "people living in our own communities aren't treated properly" due to lack of access. The funds will create the Kraft Family National Center for Leadership and Training in Community Health, supporting medical practitioners caring for more than 200,000 patients. It also covers up to \$50,000 in medical student loan debt in exchange for two to three years of service providing care for the community.

■ Goldman Sachs lost a star executive with the retirement of **Richard Ruzika '81**, head of the Special Sit-

uations Group, in April. Ruzika had spent nearly 30 years at the Wall Street firm. Only one year after graduating from Columbia, Ruzika joined J. Aron, which was acquired by Goldman in 1982. He climbed up the ranks, beginning as a silver and gold trader, and was named head of Global Commodities in 2000 and co-head of Global Macro Trading in 2006 before his final appointment leading the Special Situations Group in 2007. In announcing his retirement, *The New York Times* noted that Ruzika's devotion "is known for its typically profitable deal on everything from golf courses to Texas wind power companies." Ruzika received a John Jay Award for distinguished professional achievement in 2006.

■ To wish **Elliott Schwartz '57** a happy birthday, the Portland Symphony Orchestra commissioned a score by him that premiered in January. His reflective composition, *Diamond Jubilee*, looks back on his 75-year journey through music. A resident of Maine, Schwartz



Elliott Schwartz '57

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has taught at Bowdoin since 1964, where he is the Robert K. Beckwith Professor of Music Emeritus and has been president of the College Music Society and national chair of the American Society of University Composers. Schwartz's work has been acquired by the Library of Congress for its permanent collection.

■ **Matthew Fox '89**, who starred in the TV series *Lost*, made his stage debut in London's Vaude-

ville Theatre in March. Fox played Bobby in Neil LaBute's latest play, *In a Forest Dark and Deep*. The play was billed as a "dark comedy of sibling rivalry" that "escalates into a psychological thriller bursting with savage conflict." Fox's intense performance with co-star Olivia Williams was well received by British critics.

■ **Dennis Hirsch '85**, a law professor at Capital University, was featured in an interview in *Columbus Business First* in January. Hirsch specializes in privacy and environmental law, and was awarded a Fulbright Senior Professorship Grant last year to lecture at the University of Amsterdam and research Dutch information privacy regulation. In the interview, Hirsch shared his views on the challenges and recent innovations in privacy regulation, including Internet privacy, and suggested that the United States can learn a great deal from the system in place in the Netherlands.

Atti Virgini '12 GS

CAMPUS NEWS

■ **SCIENCE:** Amber D. Miller, the Walter LeCroy Jr. Associate Professor of Physics, has been appointed Dean of Science for the Faculty of Arts and Sciences. Nicholas Dirks, e.v.p. for Arts and Sciences, said when announcing Miller's appointment on March 1, "Amber will be charged in part with figuring out how to make sure the core departments are fully supported and make sure the newer initiatives feed back with an organic continuity in relation to the departmental needs."

Since Miller joined Columbia in 2002, she has worked on the Faculty Budget Group, the Space Planning Committee and the Academic Review Committee, and chaired the Executive Committee of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences. Her current re-

search involves a 6,000-lb. telescope that will capture light from the hot plasma, near Antarctica, that was left over from the big bang.

Miller has received an NSF Career Award, an Alfred P. Sloan Fellowship and the Columbia Distinguished Faculty Award. She is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and recently was the chief science adviser to the NYPD Counterterrorism Bureau.

■ **INDIGENOUS:** This spring, the Center for the Study of Ethnicity and Race (columbia.edu/cu/cser) presented a public forum for speakers on indigenous rights. CSER Director Frances Negrón-Muntaner called it "a milestone both for the University and the larger commu-

nity." The forum was part of CSER's Native American/Indigenous Studies Project and hosted three speakers — one each in February, March and April — working in academia, the arts and the political sphere. The forum was made possible through the funding of Daniel Press '64, who for the last four decades has practiced Indian law and has worked on Native American economic issues on behalf of tribes throughout the country.

■ **LONGEVITY:** The International Longevity Center, a nonprofit organization founded in 1990 by the late Dr. Robert N. Butler '49, '53 P&S, an expert on aging who's credited with coining the term "ageism," will be transformed into an interdisciplinary center on aging headquartered at the Mailman School of Public Health. Discussions were under way for the move at the time of Butler's death last July (college.columbia.edu/cct/sep/oct10/obituaries1).

■ **100 YEARS:** The Rare Book & Manuscript Library and the University Archives commenced a year-long, three-part exhibit, "Columbia University: 100 Years of Collecting," on February 15.

Part I, open until Friday, May 27, is "Alma Mater: Origins," which explores the beginnings of King's College and feature ele-

ments from student life, the origins of the Core Curriculum and the movement to coeducation. Items on view include a lottery book that recorded the funds raised to establish the College in 1748 and *The Book of Misdeeds*, used to record student infractions in 1771. Two distinguished international alumni, Pivley ka Isaka Seme (Class of 1906) and V.K. Wellington Koo (Class of 1908, Class of 1912 GSAS) are profiled.

The full exhibit will close on Friday, December 23. For more information and updates on Parts II and III, visit library.columbia.edu/news/exhibitions/2011/20110323_university_archives_origins.html.

■ **SAID ROOM:** Room 616 in Butler Library is now the Edward W. Said Reading Room, in memory of the late University Professor. The collection houses nearly 3,000 volumes ranging from classic literature, music and fine arts to politics, religion and history. In addition to the Reading Room, the Rare Book & Manuscript Library is opening a selection of Said's notes and marginalia for public viewing. Said taught at Columbia from 1963 until his death in 2003. He wrote more than 20 books, among them the classic *Orientalism*, an in-depth examination of how the West perceived the East.



Tracy V. Maitland '82, president and chief investment officer of Advent Capital Management, received the Black Alumni Heritage Award at the Black Alumni Council's annual reception, held at Faculty House on February 24.

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STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Marshall Scholarship Helps Anna Feuer '11 Follow Her Passion

By NATHALIE ALONSO '08

Expressing her thoughts through language comes easily to **Anna Feuer '11**, a passionate English major and writer. When the Marshall Commission called to inform her that she had been selected as a Marshall Scholar, however, the Los Angeles native was at a loss for words.

"I was incoherent, babbling," says the otherwise articulate Feuer amidst laughter. "I was so excited. It's a huge honor."

Each year, up to 40 American students receive the prestigious Marshall Scholarship, which funds two years of graduate study at any university in the United Kingdom. This fall, Feuer will continue her education at the University of Oxford, where she will pursue master's degrees in global and imperial history and English literature.

According to Michael Pippenger, associate dean of the Office of Fellowship Programs, Feuer was one of 32 nationwide awardees chosen this year from a pool of 999 applicants.

"Part of the application process is drafting and redrafting essays to make them into something special," says Pippenger. "Anna never shied away from putting more time and energy into crafting the best application possible. She is a great communicator. She knows herself well and can get others excited about her ideas. Anna also had a great sense of humor, which I think helps students in such an intense competition."

At Oxford, Feuer will delve more deeply into the subject of her senior thesis, which analyzed the impact of the Hindu tradition on the Celtic revival of the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Feuer studied correspondences between Irish poet W.B. Yeats and Indian poet Rabindranath Tagore. She developed the project with the guidance of a professor at the University of Hyderabad in India while studying abroad her junior year.

Feuer enrolled directly at the university and took classes with local students.

"A lot of study abroad programs in India have all the American students taking classes separately," says Feuer. "I was able to make friends with my Indian classmates and interact more directly."

During her semester in India, Feuer lived in a university dormitory and devoted some of her spare time to volunteering as an English language tutor for boys ages 6–15 at the local Poor Boys' Ashram.

Upon returning to New York in May 2010, Columbia's Department of English and Comparative Literature awarded Feuer the Richmond B. Williams Traveling Fellowship, which allowed her to spend three weeks in Dublin that August conducting research at the National Library of Ireland.

"It was my first time at a national library and my first time doing that kind of research for an English project," says Feuer. "To be able to see Yeats' manuscripts was really exciting."



Anna Feuer '11 has used her time at Columbia to engage with the writings of W.B. Yeats, one of her favorite poets.

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It was her interest in literature and texts in general that drew Feuer to the Core Curriculum, which enthralled her enough to apply early decision.

"I liked the idea that all students should have a well-rounded education," says Feuer. "I also liked that I would have to take science, even though that's not my strong subject."

In addition to her initial interest in literature, a number of courses and professors at Columbia have helped shaped Feuer's academic trajectory. She decided to study in India and learn Hindi and Urdu after taking the course "Gandhi's India" as a sophomore with associate professor of history Janaki Bakhle. English professor Alan Stewart and James Shapiro '77, the Larry Miller Professor of English and Comparative Literature, helped solidify her decision to major in English.

"Their classes really got me excited about being an English major," says Feuer, whose essay "Reconstructing Englishness: Cultural Scission within the European Self" was published in the September 2010 issue of the University of Virginia's *Essays in History* journal.

"Anna connects disparate ideas with creativity, enabling others to read literary texts and intellectual history in the fresh ways that she herself does," notes Pippenger.

Feuer also has put her literary talents to use outside the classroom. She was managing editor of the *Columbia Journal of Literary Criticism* as a sophomore and rose to co-editor-in-chief as a senior. In her sophomore year, she also became a staff writer for *The Eye*, *Spectator's* features and arts magazine.

"[The Eye] gave me the opportunity to write about

and explore a lot of different subjects that I really didn't know very much about," says Feuer, who has written articles about financial aid and labor relations at Columbia.

Feuer has been equally active off-campus. During summer 2009, with funding from the Los Angeles County Arts Commission, she completed a paid internship with PEN Center USA (penusa.org), a nonprofit that works to protect the rights of writers all over the world and foster a literary community among writers in the western United States. Feuer helped plan events and advocated for writers imprisoned abroad by encouraging members to send letters to the state governments involved.

"In some countries — in China, for example — it seems as though the more Western mail is sent to the prisoner, the better the prisoner is treated in jail," says Feuer. "It was really interesting learning about freedom of expression and the complicated politics that surrounds it."

In addition, Feuer has completed editorial internships at *LA Weekly*, *n+1* magazine and *W.W. Norton & Co.* As a junior and senior, she devoted one day a week to tutoring fifth-graders struggling with reading at P.S. 165 in Harlem.

After Oxford, Feuer envisions herself returning to the United States to pursue a Ph.D. in English or history. She eventually wants to write nonfiction in some capacity and the suggestion that she could end up teaching at the university level brings a smile to her face.

"That's very attractive to me and definitely a big reason for wanting to get a Ph.D.," she says.

Nathalie Alonso '08 is a freelance journalist and an editorial producer of *LasMayores.com*, Major League Baseball's official Spanish language website. She also writes a career blog for women, *herfabcareer.com*.

Alumni, Student Win Scholarships To Continue Research

Three alumni and one senior will continue doing research at the graduate level after receiving some of the most competitive and prestigious fellowships in the United States.

Mollie Schwartz '09, her class' salutatorian, won the Hertz Foundation Fellowship, an award valued at \$250,000 that gives "generous support to young leaders in applied sciences and engineering." The fellowship, which goes to only 2 percent of applicants, comes with no strings attached and supports Schwartz, a chemical physics major from Washington, D.C., for up to five years of graduate work. She is currently deciding where to attend graduate school.

Jun Hyuk Jason Kim '08, an English major from Brooklyn, is in the 3 percent of applicants who received the Paul and Daisy Soros Fellowship for New Americans, which gives first-generation Americans up to \$45,000 a year for two years to fund graduate work. Kim, who worked at *The New Yorker*, is working toward his M.F.A. in playwriting at The New School.

Christopher Beam '06, a history major and political reporter for *Slate*, won the Luce Scholarship, which will provide him with \$30,000 to support a year's worth of language study and professional experience in East Asia where Beam, from Washington, D.C., hopes to find a job in journalism.

Benjamin Turndorf '11, a philosophy major from Skillman, N.J., will pursue an M.S. in modern Chinese studies at Oxford, supported by the Clarendon Scholarship, which provides \$41,000 a year to "academically excellent students with the best proven and future potential."

Ethan Rouen '04J, '11 *Business*

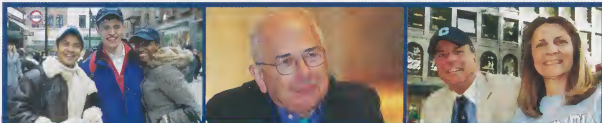
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■ **FONER:** The DeWitt Clinton Professor of History Eric Foner '63, '69 GSAS has been awarded two major prizes for his book *The Fiery Trial: Abraham Lincoln and American Slavery*. He won the 2011 Lincoln Prize, sponsored by Gettysburg College and the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History. Foner will receive a \$50,000 award on May 11 at the Union League Club in New York City. He also was one of three winners of the Bancroft Prize for History, awarded by Columbia, along with Sara Dubow for *Oursettes Unborn: A History of the Fetus in Modern America* and

Christopher Tomlins for *Freedom Bound: Law, Labor, and Civic Identity in Colonizing English America, 1580–1865*. Foner also won the Bancroft, which carries a \$10,000 prize, in 1989 for *Reconstruction: America's Unfinished Revolution, 1863–1877*. [To read an excerpt from *The Fiery Trial*, go to college.columbia.edu/cct/jan_feb11/columbia_forum/]

■ **LENFEST:** Eight faculty members received this year's Distinguished Columbia Faculty Awards, established by Trustee Gerry Lenfest '58L, at a dinner at Casa Italiana on February 8. The awards are given annually to faculty in recognition of scholarship, University citizenship and professional involvement, with emphasis on the instruction and mentoring of undergraduate and graduate students. Each winner receives a stipend of \$25,000 per year for three consecutive years.

The awardees are Rachel Adams, professor of English and American studies; Stuart Firestein, professor of biological sciences; Mahmood Mandani, the Herbert Lehman Professor of Government and professor of anthropology; Stephen Murray, the Bernard and Lisa Selz Professor of Medieval Art; Paul Olsen, the Arthur D. Storke Memorial Professor in the Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences; Susan Pedersen, professor of history and James P. Shenton Professor of the Core Curriculum; Achille Varzi, professor of philosophy and department chair; and Katharina Volk, associate professor of classics. [For more on Volk, see "Around the Quads" in this issue.]

■ **PARKIN:** Chemistry professor Gerard Parkin was among 11 individuals and four organizations named by President Barack Obama '83 as recipients of the Presidential Award for Excellence in Science, Mathematics and Engineering Mentoring. In announcing the awards on January 21, Obama said, "These individuals and organizations have gone above and beyond the call of duty to ensure that the United States remains on the cutting edge of science and engineering for years to come. Their devotion to the educational enrichment and personal growth of their students is remarkable, and these awards represent just a small token of our enormous gratitude."

■ **BARZUN:** Jacques Barzun '27, '32 GSAS, noted cultural historian and University Professor Emeritus, was among the 10 winners of the 2010 National Humanities Medals for outstanding achievement in history, literature, education and cultural policy, President Barack

Burgers and Basketball



More than 100 alumni, family members and friends came out to Havana Central at The West End on February 11 for "Burgers and Basketball" to get an early start on June's scheduled Alumni Reunion Weekend festivities. Following the reception, attendees cheered on the men's basketball team, which fell short to Princeton 76-46. Enjoying the event were Erik Jacobs '81, '85 SIPA; his wife, Laura Eberstein Jacobs '88; and their children, William and Margo.

PHOTO: NICK MIDER

Obama '83 announced.

Barzun, who is 101 and lives in San Antonio, taught at Columbia for five decades and has written or edited more than 30 books. He was honored "for his distinguished career as a scholar, educator and public intellectual," according to a news release issued by the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Other winners were authors Wendell E. Berry, Joyce Carol Oates and Philip Roth; historians Bernard Bailyn and Gordon S. Wood; literary scholars Daniel Aaron, Roberto Gonzalez Echevarria and Arnold Rampersad and legal historian Stanley Nider Katz.

■ **SLOAN:** Six Columbia faculty members have been named research fellows by the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation, which awards two-year, \$50,000 grants to support the work of exceptional young researchers in the fields of chemistry, computer science, mathematics, biology, neuroscience and physics.

Columbia's 2011 Sloan Fellows are Sabin Cautis, assistant professor of mathematics; Dirk Englund, assistant professor of electrical engineering and applied physics; Aaron Lauda, the Joseph Fels Ritt Assistant Professor of Mathematics; Abhay Narayan Pasupathy, assistant professor of physics; Nathaniel Sawtell, assistant professor of neuroscience; and Latha Venkataraman, assistant professor of applied physics and applied mathematics.

Alex Sachare '71

IN MEMORIAM

MARABLE: Manning Marable, the M. Moran Weston/Black Alumni Council Professor of African American Studies, founding director of Columbia's Institute for Research in African-American Studies and director of the Center for the Study of Contemporary Black History, died on April 1. He was 60 and lived in New York City. Marable's death came just days before the publishing of his long-awaited biography, and the culmination of his life's work, *Malcolm X: A Life of Reinvention*.

Marable had been at Columbia since 1993. During his 35-year academic career, he wrote and edited numerous books about African-American politics and history and remained one of the nation's leading Marxist historians. He was a prolific writer and impassioned polemicist, addressing issues of race and economic injustice in numerous works that established him as one of the most forceful and outspoken scholars of African-American history and race relations in the United States.

A complete In Memoriam will be published in the July/August issue.

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Katharina Volk is an associate professor of classics. She received the Distinguished Faculty Teaching Award for 2010-11, and her book *Manilius and his Intellectual Background* was awarded the Lionel Trilling Award in 2010. Her most recent book is *Ovid*, an introductory text to the poet. Volk earned an M.A. from Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität in Munich and a Ph.D. from Princeton.

Where did you grow up?
In Munich, Germany.

What did you want to be when you were growing up?
At some point, I wanted to run a cafeteria in a museum, but I was really little. After that, I wanted to be a history teacher. Then I wanted to be an actress. That was the order.

How did you become a professor of classics?

In Germany, there isn't a liberal arts college system. You had to decide on a subject early. I knew I wanted to go into academia, but wasn't quite sure about the field. At first, I thought I was going to do German literature, but the German department was this huge, anonymous department. I had chosen Latin as my minor; I had started learning it in fifth grade and always loved it. The classics department turned out to be this nice, small department

where the professors were super-friendly. So I thought, forget about German, I'm going to become a classicist.

Can you talk about the book for which you won the Lionel Trilling Award?

I received the award for *Manilius and his Intellectual Background* and was really excited. First of all, I think it's fantastic that Columbia has a book award that is given by students. Then there is the subject

duction to the poet. Right now, I don't have a book project. I'm working on something a bit marginal, a poem by Cicero. He was a famous orator and statesman, of course, but he also wrote poetry, including a poem about his own consulship. When he was the leader of the state in 63 B.C., he thought he had done a really good job; most importantly, he had put down a conspiracy of people who

as well. I think it's fun to look at the overlooked. In this case, Cicero is a very famous guy, one of the most famous people from antiquity and probably the one we know the most about because we have a great many works of his, including his letters. But he also wrote this crazy poem, and very few people talk about it.

If you could be anywhere in the world, where would you be?

Rome is definitely at the top of my list.

Five Minutes with ... Katharina Volk

matter: Manilius was a poet who about 2,000 years ago wrote a very difficult poem about astrology. Even within classics, the topic is quite obscure. It's not like Virgil or Ovid, who I've also worked on. Mine is the first monograph in English on this poet, and while I was working on it, even classicists asked, "What are you talking about? Manilius?" So it was very exciting that students gave this book the award for best faculty book of the year.

What are you working on now?

I published another book last year, *Ovid*. It's much more mainstream, an intro-

wanted to overthrow the government. He then wanted someone to write a poem in praise of his achievement, and no one wanted to do it, so he did it himself. We only have a few fragments of the work. Already in antiquity, everyone was making fun of the fact that Cicero wrote his own poem about how great he was. I got interested in it, so I'm giving a talk about it at a conference.

Are you usually attracted to obscure topics?

If you're a scholar, there are some authors and topics that everyone works on, and they're great, but there are many other things going on that are interesting

What's the last book you read for pleasure that you'd recommend?

I read a lot of novels. I really enjoyed *Room* by Emma Donoghue. I thought it was amazing. I also recently read *The Elephant's Journey* by José Saramago. I loved that, too.

What's your favorite spot in New York City?

Riverside Park down by the river near West 100th Street.

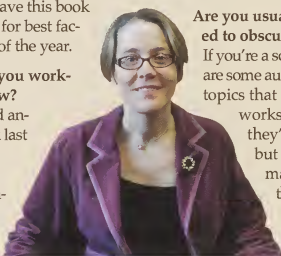
How do you recharge?

I like to cook to relax. After a long day, I find it takes your mind off things. You have to concentrate, but it's a different type of concentration.

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Hale, Agho Highlight Winter Sports

BY ALEX SACHARE '17

Shary Hale '12 added First Team All-American to her growing list of achievements and Noruwa Agho '12 captured the Ivy League scoring championship in highlights of Columbia's winter sports season.

Hale won two individual races and one relay and was named the outstanding female athlete at the Indoor Ivy League Championships for the second consecutive year, then finished seventh in 400 meters at the NCAA Championships to earn All-America honors. She might have finished even higher at the NCAAAs had she not had to hurdle a competitor who had tripped and fallen into Hale's lane. Heading into the outdoor season, Hale already had four school records to her name.

Agho, a 6-foot-3 guard, scored a career-high 31 points against Brown in his season finale to finish atop the Ivy scoring chart at 16.8 points per game, beating out Greg Mangano '12 of Yale, who was second at 16.3 ppg. Agho was the only Ivy League player to finish in the top 10 in scoring, rebounding (10th, 4.9 rpg) and assists (5th, 4.3 apg). He finished second on the team in rebounding, steals, blocked shots and three-point field goals, and is the first Columbia player to

earn first-team honors since John Baumann '08 in 2007-08.

BASKETBALL: Agho's all-around play helped the Lions compile a 15-13 record in Kyle Smith's first season as men's head basketball coach. It marked only Columbia's third winning record in the past 28 years.

Columbia tied for fifth in the Ivy League at 6-8. Princeton and Harvard were league co-champions at 12-2, and Princeton advanced to the NCAA tournament on the strength of a 63-62 playoff victory. Princeton was beaten by Kentucky 59-57 in the first round of the NCAAAs, while Harvard lost to Oklahoma State 71-54 in the first round of the NIT.

Agho was named to the All-Ivy First Team and Brian Barbour '13, Columbia's starting point guard, received Honorable Mention after averaging 13.3 points and 3.2 assists per game and shooting .917 from the free-throw line.

The women's team struggled early, losing its first 13 games, but hit its stride in midseason and went 7-8 the rest of the way, with six of those wins coming against Ivy opponents. Despite a 7-21 overall record, Columbia's 6-8 Ivy mark

was enough to tie Brown for fourth place in the league.

Kathleen Barry '11 earned All-Ivy First Team honors by averaging team highs of 10.4 points and 7.4 rebounds per game and leading the league with seven double-doubles. An economics/math and Spanish major, Barry was named to the Capital One/CoSIDA Academic All-America First Team, the first Columbia woman to be so honored.

Brinna Orlich '14, who averaged 9.3 points and 3.5 rebounds per game, was selected to the league's All-Rookie Team.

■ TRACK AND FIELD:

Hale won the 200-meter and 400-meter races and was a member of the winning 4x400m relay team to lead Columbia's women to second place at the Ivies. Columbia amassed 213 points, its most ever, just behind Princeton's 218.

Joining Hale in receiving All-Ivy First Team honors for victories at the meets were Kyra Caldwell '12 (60m hurdles), Monique Roberts '12 Barnard (high jump), Uju Ofoche '13 (long jump), QueenDenise Okeke '13 (triple jump) and 400m relay team members Caldwell, Ofoche, Hale and Miata Morlu '14. Morlu also received Second Team honors by placing second to Hale in the 400m.

Columbia's men finished sixth in the indoor Heptagonals, with the meet's bright spot coming when the 4x800m relay team came from behind to win in a school-record 7:28.64. Dylan Isaacson '11, Matt Stewart '11, Sam Miner '14 and Jeff Moriarty '11 thus earned All-Ivy honors.

■ FENCING: Columbia's combined men's and women's team finished seventh overall in the NCAA Championships, a performance that Coach George Kolombatovich called "one of the most satisfying I've experienced in all my years as a coach. No, not in terms of a high placing, although there is nothing wrong with seventh when you consider the level of the talent in collegiate fencing today; but rather how our team, the youngest in



Shary Hale '12 earned First Team All-America honors in the 400 meters at the Indoor NCAA Championships.

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the tournament, responded to the intensity of the NCAAAs. I'm looking forward to coming back to next year's NCAAAs with fencers who are vastly improved, and know how to win in the NCAA format."

Although the men were winless in the round-robin Ivy Championship, three Lion first-years earned All-Ivy honors. Alex Hadzic '14 went 10-5 to gain First Team honors in epee, Alex Pensler '14 was 11-4 and earned First Team honors in foil and Bo Charles '14 went 10-5 and was named to the Second Team. Hadzic and Pensler also earned Third Team honors at the NCAA Championship.

The women placed second at the Ivies with a 5-1 record, losing only to champion Princeton 15-12 in the first round of the two-day competition. Five Lions earned All-Ivy honors: Katya English '14 (13-5 in foil), Nzingha Prescod '14 (16-2 in foil) and Lowey Diebro '13 (16-2 in sabre) made First Team, and Lydia Kopecky '13 (12-6 in epee) and Sammy Roberts '12E (15-3 in sabre) made Second Team.

The women accounted for 54 of Columbia's 94 victories at the NCAAAs, where the men competed for the first two days and the women followed. Kopecky won 13 of her 23 bouts to tie for seventh in epee, the best finish of any Columbia fencer, and earned All-America Second Team honors. Roberts, who was 12-11, and Diebro, who was 11-12, earned Third Team recognition in sabre.



Noruwa Agho '12 scored 31 points in his season finale to capture the Ivy League men's scoring crown.

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■ **SWIMMING:** Adam Powell '11 closed out his Columbia career by capturing All-America Honorable Mention honors in the 50-yard freestyle when he qualified for the consolation finals with a time of 19.55 seconds, a career best and a school record. Powell finished 16th overall in the 50, as well as 37th among 58 swimmers in the 100 freestyle.

Powell and Hyun Lee '14E helped Columbia finish third in the Ivy Championship. Powell won the 50 and 100 free, Lee captured the 200 and 500 free as well as the 200 butterfly, and the two teamed with John Wright '13 and Patrick Dougherty '13E to win the 400 freestyle relay. Powell finished second in the 100 backstroke and was part of two second-place relay teams—the 200 free with Wright, Dougherty and Kai Schultz '14, and the 400 medley with Lee, Johnny Bailey '12 and Matthew Swallow '14. All event winners earn All-Ivy First Team recognition, with runners-up getting Second Team.

Powell won the Harold Ulen Award as the Career High Point Swimmer and Lee won the Phil Moriarty Award as the High Point Swimmer of the Meet.

The women also finished third in the Ivies, matching their best finish. Katie Miel '13 led the way, winning the 200 individual medley in a personal-best 1:59.20. For win-

ning, she was named to the All-Ivy First Team.

Although no other Columbia woman finished first or second in the meet, the team's depth enabled the strong overall result. "Every swimmer and diver on this team contributed to our third-place finish," said coach Diana Caskey.

■ **WRESTLING:** Heavyweight Kevin Lester '12 compiled a 23-6 overall record and won all five of his Ivy League matches to earn All-Ivy First Team recognition from the league's coaches. Chosen to the Second Team were Eren Civan '11, who went 4-1 at 165 lbs., and Nick Mills '13, who was 3-2 at 184 lbs. Kyle Gilchrist '12 (3-1 at 133 lbs.), Steve Santos '13 (2-0 at 149 lbs.) after missing a month of the season due to injury) and Mike Pushpak '11 (3-2 at 197 lbs.) received Honorable Mention.

As a team, Columbia was 3-2 in Ivy competition and 9-6 overall.

■ **SQUASH:** Columbia's squash teams enjoyed successful varsity debut seasons, the men's team going 13-5 and the women's team finishing 12-6.

Graham Miao '13 had the best record on the men's team at 15-5, followed by Theo Buchsbaum '14 at 13-4, Clayton Dahman '11E and Alec Goldberg '14 at 12-5 each,

Tony Zou '13 at 12-8 and Andrew Tan '14E at 10-6.

Skylar Dickey '14 Barnard had the best record on the women's team at 15-3, with Anne Cheng '11 Barnard and Monica Stone '14 at 13-5, Jenny Schroder '14 Barnard at 12-6, Katie Quan '14 at 12-8 and Morgan Strauss '14E at 11-5. Liz Chu '12 was 8-8 at the No. 1 position and 9-10 overall.

■ **ENDOWMENTS:** Several College alumni have established endowments for the benefit of the wrestling and crew programs. Brothers David Barry '87 and Michael Barry '89, who wrestled together for Columbia in the 1980s, have established an endowment in support of an assistant wrestling coach position, the first endowment of an assistant coach position in the Columbia Athletics program. And Tom Cornacchia '85, a four-year letter-winner who rowed at the 1985 Henley Regatta, has made a leadership gift to the rowing program to enhance the experience of the more than 100 student-athletes who compete for Columbia's heavyweight, lightweight and women's crew teams.

■ **VARSITY 'C':** Don Jackson '73, '80 Business is scheduled to be honored at the 90th Varsity 'C' Celebration on Wednesday, May 4, in Levien Gym. Jackson, an All-Ivy

quarterback who ranks in the top five for career touchdown passes and also played baseball at Columbia, is to be honored with the Varsity 'C' Alumni Award along with Helen Doyle Yeager '85 Barnard, a two-time captain of the women's basketball team. Both are on the leadership committee for the Columbia Campaign for Athletics: Achieving Excellence.

■ **COACHES:** The Women's Basketball Coaches Association has partnered with Columbia to establish The Center for Coaching Excellence, a leadership-training program hosted on the Columbia campus beginning this spring. The center, developed by Athletics Director M. Dianne Murphy in partnership with WBCA, is the first of its kind. It is designed to introduce coaches to various aspects of leadership and provide a deeper understanding and appreciation of the importance of ethics and integrity in women's college basketball through a rigorous curriculum presented in a seminar-style environment. Coaches participate in an intensive 2½-day seminar-style learning environment, featuring panel discussions, guest speakers, small-group breakout, roundtables and interactive problem-solving.



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Five accomplished alumni — Andrew Barth '83, '85 Business; Alexander Navab '87; Kenneth Ofori-Atta '84; Michael Oren '77 and Elizabeth D. Rubin '87 — were presented with 2011 John Jay Awards for distinguished professional achievement on March 2 at the annual John Jay Awards Dinner.

The diverse accomplishments of this year's award-winners speak to the varied backgrounds and interests of College students and alumni.

Barth, Navab and Ofori-Atta are leaders in finance. Barth is the chairman of Capital Guardian Trust Co. and Capital International Limited, Navab is a partner

day is extraordinary." An English major with a concentration in visual arts who has held summer internships in Hong Kong and Mumbai, Mangaldas plans to return to India after graduation and work in the film industry. (CCT profiled her in "Student Spotlight" in September/October 2008: college.columbia.edu/cct/sep_oct08.)

Board of Trustees Chair William V. Campbell '62, '64 TC welcomed the guests and introduced Columbia College Alumni Association Executive Committee member Kyra Tirana Barry '87, who thanked those in attendance and announced that the dinner had raised nearly \$1.5 million. Dean Michele



Five Alumni Honored at John Jay Awards Dinner

BY ALEX SACHARE '71

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and co-head of North American Private Equity for Kohlberg Kravis Roberts & Co. and Ofori-Atta is the executive chairman and co-founder of Databank Financial Services. Oren has been the Ambassador of Israel to the United States since 2009, worked on a kibbutz in Israel as a teenager and served in the Israel Defense Forces in the 1982 Lebanon war. Rubin is an award-winning war correspondent and a contributing writer to *The New York Times Magazine* and other publications who has reported from the front lines in the Balkans, Africa, Iraq and Afghanistan.

The black-tie dinner, attended by approximately 600 at Cipriani 42nd Street in New York, benefits the John Jay Scholars Program, which aims to extend and enhance the academic and extracurricular experiences of outstanding College first-years with panels, discussions and presentations by leading professors and professionals.

Leeza Mangaldas '11, who spoke on behalf of the John Jay Scholars, many of whom attended the dinner, was born in a small fishing village in the Goa, India. "On the 16-hour plane ride to New York and Columbia, I could see my life was going to change," she recalled. "Though the rural, sea-salt air made for an idyllic childhood, Columbia University in the City of New York seemed like the glorious antithesis to everything I'd known." She praised the "astounding eloquence and passion" of Columbia faculty members and said, "At Columbia, the every-

Moody-Adams recognized the faculty in attendance, calling them "the heart of the institution," and the students who were in the audience, saying, "All of us are very proud of your accomplishments and look forward to the day you can stand up here as recipients of this award."

In his remarks, President Lee C. Bollinger said Columbia was at a historical moment in its 257-year history. The opening of the Northwest Corner interdisciplinary science building completes the original blueprint for the Morningside Heights campus at the same time that the courts cleared the way for Columbia to create "a new campus for this century" in Manhattanville. "This solves the space problem that Columbia has had for four or five decades," Bollinger said. He also noted that the endowment had outpaced peer institutions by achieving a 17 percent gain last year and that the Columbia Campaign's \$4 billion goal had been reached more than a year early. Bollinger got a laugh when he added, "Naturally, we extended the campaign by two years and raised the goal to \$5 billion."

Ofori-Atta, who is from Ghana and whose business is based in its capital, Accra, is the first African-born recipient of a John Jay Award. He was pleased when Bollinger named Nairobi as a future site of a Columbia Global Center.

"Africa is truly the next frontier, and Columbia should be taking the lead in bringing us into the community of states," he said.



From top: Honoree Elizabeth D. Rubin '87 (right) with fellow journalist Christiane Amanpour; honorees Andrew Barth '83, '85 Business (left) and Michael Oren '77; and honorees Alexander Navab '87 and Kenneth Ofori-Atta '84.



From top: Joining President Lee C. Bollinger (far left) and Dean Michele Moody-Adams following the presentation of citations are (left to right) honorees Andrew Barth '83, '85 Business, Kenneth Ofori-Atta '84, Elizabeth D. Rubin '87, Alexander Navab '87 and Michael Oren '77; students played a prominent role in the ceremony as presenters and speakers, including (left to right) Warren McGee '11, Alicia Outing '11, Vesal Yazdi '11, Leeza Mangaldas '11, Francesca Triani '11 and Alexander Moll '11; Mangaldas represented all John Jay Scholars in addressing the crowd of about 600 at Cipriani 42nd Street, which is in an ornate former bank branch; and Moody-Adams praised the faculty in attendance, describing them as "the heart of the institution."



Columbia's curriculum has helped the College develop a reputation as one of the world's great liberal arts institutions. The Core Curriculum, which dates to 1919, immerses students in great works of philosophy, literature, art and music and "creates a stable foundation because it is organized around timeless themes expressed in works that are unlikely to go out of style," according to a recent *Wall Street Journal* article touting Columbia's method.

Alumni who frequently come to mind when people think about Columbia College include Barack Obama '83 and Eric H. Holder Jr. '73, '76L; Allen Ginsberg '48 and Paul Auster '69, '70 GSAS; Richard Rodgers '23, Oscar Hammerstein II '16 and Lorenz Hart '18; Tom Kitt '96 and Brian Yorkey '93; Claire Shipman '86, '94 SIPA and Maggie Gyllenhaal '99; Herman Wouk '34 and Jacques Barzun '27, '32 GSAS — people who have made their marks in the worlds of politics, law, the arts and the humanities.

But the College also is a leader when it comes to the sciences, turning out Nobel-prize winning research and graduating students who become not only top doctors but also groundbreaking researchers on subjects ranging

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Members of the College's science community discuss their groundbreaking research

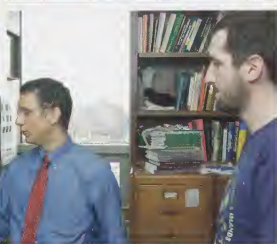
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from the molecular structure of substances in our daily experience to large scale processes that play out in the farthest reaches of space. Now Dean Michele Moody-Adams — working with the new Arts and Sciences science dean Amber Miller, the chairs of the science departments and other academic leaders — is launching a planning and fundraising effort to enhance undergraduate course offerings and research opportunities in science.

"Instilling an understanding of science is essential for the College's mission of preparing students to live fully engaged lives as citizens and leaders," Moody-Adams said. "Given the increasing importance of science to our daily lives and to issues facing the globe, we are intensifying our focus on developing scientific literacy for nonmajors as well as majors, and offering science majors the most challenging and rewarding science education possible. We hope to renew Columbia College's commitment to providing our students with the best education in the liberal arts *and* sciences."

With what President Lee C. Bollinger has described as fitting symbolism, Columbia devoted its last piece of buildable space on its main campus to the Northwest Corner Building, an interdisciplinary science center that is home to lecture halls, a library and cutting-edge laboratories where leading scientists train the next generation of Nobel laureates.

In this issue, current students, faculty members and one alumna discuss research projects on subjects as varied as the sense of touch, nanotechnology, forest ecology and statistics.



Clockwise from top: Professor Martin Chalifie examines the sense of touch in worms; Joanna Wang '11 (right) studies the behavior of mice with Rahia Mashoodh '13 GSAS; Meredith Martin '09 takes a brief respite from the field to work in the lab; Professor Andrew Gelman explores the world through statistics with GSAS student Zach Shah; Professor Maria Uriarte and a researcher examine the forests of Brazil; Hechen Ren '11 studies the properties of graphene; and Martin examines agave plants in Mexico.

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Taking the Long Way To Becoming a Chemist

Markrete Krikorian '11 knew that she loved chemistry in high school. But when she entered the College and enrolled in general chemistry, she worried that she would be behind the many classmates already taking advanced organic chemistry early in their Columbia careers.

"I told myself 'I'll somehow manage and make my own way,'" she says. "I was glad I started with general chemistry because it was good to be continuous and go from beginning to end at Columbia."

In the process, she completed laboratory work that might have seemed to be extra credit. But Krikorian took the extra work as a way of figuring out where her passions were. By the summer after her first year, she was working in the organic materials lab of Professor Colin Nuckolls '98 GSAS.

Three years later, she still is working in the lab and trying to choose from among the eight top graduate programs to which she was accepted.

"This lab experience was an integral part of deciding to go to grad school," she says.

Krikorian, a Queens, N.Y., native, has worked on a variety of projects in the lab. Most recently, she has been studying the conductivity of stilbenes, molecules that could have applications in the field of nanocircuitry.

Krikorian is using stilbenes as a model system to understand

the way conduction works at small scales (a billionth of a meter).

"The problem with nanocircuits is that they don't conduct consistently and so a lot of energy is lost. If we can understand the mechanism of conduction at the nanoscale, we can bring nanoelectronics to the forefront," Krikorian says. "Using a compound versus using a metal or rare element would be beneficial in many ways. It's going to be a lot cheaper, a lot more environmentally friendly, and stilbene derivatives are easy to make and mass produce."

Until her junior year of high school, Krikorian wanted to be a writer. Indeed, she still writes daily and hopes that writing will be part of her life no matter what field she selects.

Given her varied interests, choosing Columbia made sense to Krikorian because it offered an excellent liberal arts curriculum as well as opportunities to be involved in the research being carried out by Columbia's outstanding scientists.

Krikorian says that in addition to her work in the lab, she has benefited from Columbia's small, friendly Chemistry department and from the chance to take graduate level courses, which have given her a taste of what her future in graduate school will be like.

"The most important thing for me has been not to think of one path as the right thing to do but doing what is right for you," she says. "Chemistry is what I really liked, and I'm not doing it because it's a stable job. I do it because I want to be happy."

Nobel Prize Winner and Professional Worm Tickler

Martin Chalfie may be best known for winning the Nobel Prize in Chemistry in 2008, but the William R. Kenan Jr. Professor of Biological Sciences also is "the world expert on tickling worms."

Chalfie shared the Nobel for the work he does with GFP, a fluorescent protein found in some jellyfish. Chalfie showed that other organisms given the jellyfish gene could make functional GFP. Investigators could then see the green cells or green proteins within living tissues.

This discovery has far reaching consequences in biology, influencing work in genetics, developmental biology and cell biology as well as giving insight into disease processes such as cancer. With GFP, scientists can label specific cells and track their progress, whether it's how a specific cell grows or how it moves through a body.

Chalfie came across GFP while doing the research that has consumed much of his career examining the sense of touch in animals.

"For the most part, we don't know how we respond through these physical senses," he says, "and that leads to one of the very big questions of sensory biology: How does an organism interact with its surroundings?"

Using worms, he and his team of researchers look for mutants that are insensitive to touch, either by tickling them

with an eyebrow hair or poking them with a wire. When they come across these mutants, they clone their genes to find out what has gone wrong and identify the components that allow animals to sense touch. Chalfie's work has led to a recent paper in which his lab identified the first molecule in an animal nerve cell that allows it to respond to mechanical stimuli.

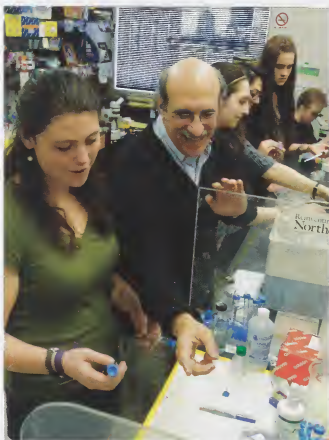
While Chalfie has been doing groundbreaking work, he is also

a generous teacher who allows Columbia College undergraduates to join in his research and provide meaningful contributions during their time in the laboratory.

Students often start out screening for mutants, which does not require extensive training but is a vital part of the process and often gets them hooked on the research.

This summer, Chalfie will have three undergraduates working with him, Isaac Johnson '14E, Geneva Miller '13 and Alexis Tchaconas '14, as well as numerous graduate students.

"I like to have first-year students work in the lab because if things work, they can continue working on the project for several years if they wish," he says. "I have had undergraduates in the lab who have been integral parts of work and who have been co-authors on papers. We have also had really outstanding students who worked in the lab and nothing came from their work, but they developed into wonderful scientists and physicians."



Chalfie works with College students in his lab.

How Environment Molds DNA

While mice may not be able to lie on a couch and squeak about their problems, they can provide valuable insight into how an animal's environment can alter the way in which it develops, as psychology major **Joanna Wang '11** is showing.

For two years, Wang has been working in the lab of psychology professor Frances Champagne, examining how mice are affected by the environment in which they are raised.

"We now know more that the environment plays a significant role in affecting behavior," Wang says. "Not only are we passing on our DNA to our children but also our experiences and our behaviors influence them."

Wang's experiments, which are the basis of her senior thesis, involve examining two sets of mice, one that is raised in isolation and one that is raised in a communal setting. She hopes the results of the study,

which is not yet complete, will reveal some of the social experiences that can alter the DNA in animals, changing their behaviors and the behaviors of future generations.

Wang plans to continue doing research in the fall when she starts medical school. Although she is still waiting to hear from some of the schools to which she applied, she already has been accepted to several schools, including Stanford.

She has been working in labs for some time and began her science career at a science and technical high school in Washington, D.C., where she was raised. The influence of her teachers in high school guided her to Columbia because of her many interests.

"They really stressed that to succeed, you needed to take courses outside your field of interest," Wang says. "Columbia has a great science program, but it was the Core Curriculum that really appealed to me. I always enjoyed literature and philosophy, and that tradition drew me to Columbia."



Wang (right) and Rahia Mas-hood '13 GSAS study how the environment of mice can alter their behavior.

The World Is Her Laboratory

While most people are lucky if they land one job that makes people say, "How cool!," **Meredith Martin '09** is developing a career with one fascinating project after the next.

Martin, who majored in Ecology, Evolution and Environmental Biology, began doing meaningful, in-depth research the summer after her sophomore year at the College, when she completed a Research Experience for Undergraduates project at the American Museum of Natural History. Working as a lab technician, she studied the genetics of sea turtle populations.

"That's one thing that's great about going to school in New York," she says. "You have access to all these great institutions."

As part of the Ecology, Evolution and Environmental Biology curriculum, Martin, who grew up in Brooklyn, spent a summer doing research in the mountains of Mexico. The results of that research became the basis of her senior thesis. Working with adjunct professor Charles Peters, who also is the Kate E. Tode Curator of Botany at the Institute of Botany at the New York Botanical Garden, Martin studied the basic ecology of agave, which is used

in tequila as well as a high-end liquor, mescal.

She collaborated with a local NGO to figure out what influences the plants' growth and how to most effectively improve yields while ensuring sustainability. Her work revealed that cattle trampling the plants did the most harm.

"It was nice to be able to show definitively that it's actually a factor and submit results to the community," Martin says. "The findings had an effect on the farmers' methods."

The offerings in the E3B department were what initially drew Martin to the College, but the opportunity to take a wide-ranging curriculum sealed the deal.

"I liked the idea of having to take all these humanities classes that I wouldn't necessarily have taken if I didn't have the requirements," she says.

Martin is now in the Master of Forest Science program at the Yale School of Forestry, supported by a fellowship from the New York Botanical Garden. She continues to work with Professor Peters, although she is now studying how the growth of the camu camu fruit in the Peruvian Amazon is being affected by the fruit's increasing popularity.



Martin spent a summer doing field research in the mountains of Mexico.

Applying Physics to Daily Life

Hechen Ren '11's work in physics could seem abstruse even to a high school science teacher. But Ren's time at Columbia College has allowed her to become a well-rounded student despite spending many hours in the laboratory.

Ren, who grew up in China, first fell in love with Columbia on a visit to New York while she was a high school student. Enchanted by the cultural offerings of the city and the Core Curriculum,

she knew that the College would provide the broad education she was seeking, as well the kind of students with whom she could comfortably share her ideas.

"I was really into philosophy, and I thought that the Core would be the way to force myself to learn," she says. "Everyone is learning the same thing, reading the same books, and we discuss them. I knew that if I wanted to come to a new country, I wanted to find the best way to learn about the culture."



Hechen Ren '11 examines the properties of graphene at her lab in the Northwest Corner Science Building.

While she enjoys reading the great books of Western Civilization, Ren, a math and physics major, devotes a lot of time to examining graphene, a one-atom thick sheet of bonded carbon, whose properties let her explore correlated electron systems in condensed matter physics.

Many inspirations for her experiments come from theoretical physicists, who propose a hypothesis that Ren can then explore through graphene.

"The field is very cool for undergraduates," she says. "For us, it's many small projects we can do. We can start from scratch, fabricate our devices, measure them and analyze the data, and really feel like we're doing physics."

She also works with students from Engineering to explore graphene's potential applications, such as high-frequency FET, a possible replacement for silicon transistors in computer chips.

The work she has done with Associate Professor Philip Kim has given her a deep understanding of the sciences she has studied and landed her in an extremely enviable position: Ren has been accepted to do graduate work at Harvard, MIT, Princeton, Stanford, UC Berkeley and Columbia.

"It is a hard decision," she said. "I'm still trying to figure out where to go."

Using Statistics Across Many Fields

Andrew Gelman is a Professor of Statistics whose work touches on topics as varied as how voting patterns differ depending on religious commitments and economic status, and (along with researcher Alexander van Geen) how to find safe drinking water in Bangladesh.

In his book *Red State, Blue State, Rich State, Poor State: Why Americans Vote the Way They Do*, Gelman and his colleagues David Park, Boris Shor, Joseph Bafumi and Jeronimo Cortina '03 SIPA, '07 CSAS, dispelled several of the most common notions of who is voting for the different political parties. Their research showed that the differences in voting between "red America" and "blue America" are concentrated among upper-income voters. It is the rich, more than the poor, who are voting based on culture, on "God, guns and gays," Gelman says.

"Within any given state, the richer you are, the more likely you are to vote Republican," he says. "It's not the Prius versus the pickup truck. It's the Prius versus the Hummer. The culture war is happening among the upper middle class and the rich."

Gelman has worked on many other projects at Columbia on topics including structure in social networks, reversals of death sentences, pub-

lic opinion on gay rights, patterns in stops by NYPD officers and measurements of cockroach allergens in New York apartments. He currently is working with researchers Matt Schofield, Ed Cook and Upmanu Lall at Lamont-Doherty on reconstructing climate history based on tree ring data. The scarcity of the data and the approximate nature of the models make reliable reconstruction a statistical and scientific challenge.

Still, Gelman's biggest project is creating a new introductory statistics course and writing a corresponding textbook. In an intro class, he says, there isn't enough time to prove everything mathematically, so he is relying on a lot more showing and a lot less telling.

The class involves a great deal of active learning and contains very little lecturing. An early project has students select what they believe is a random sample of candy from a bag and guess the weight of the entire bag based on the sample. An envelope hidden in the room before class always correctly predicts that all estimates will be too high because the larger candies will float to the top, skewing the results.

"It's like a survey of people," he says. "You get the most talkative people. That's why we need to do random sampling."



Gelman explores the world through statistics with GSAS student Zach Shahn.

How People Impact the Growth of Forests

Assistant Professor of E3B **Maria Uriarte** studies the ways in which forests regrow after humans abandon agriculture, and the effect of this process on the community composition genetics of plant species. She wonders whether biodiversity can be preserved as human beings encroach upon, and then retreat from, nature. She also investigates the ways in which climate change alters our relationship with the natural world.

Uriarte, who teaches in the Department of Ecology, Evolution and Environmental Biology, does her research in the tropical forests of Puerto Rico, Brazil and Peru. Her work is an attempt to understand the effects of human interactions with forests in time to prevent further damage.

"People are moving away from agricultural land all over the world," she says. "To what degree can these forests that grow after agricultural abandonment resemble the primary tropical

forests that were once there?"

In Puerto Rico, Uriarte is examining the regrowth of forests that were once cleared to grow coffee, tobacco and sugar. She is trying to find out if new forests will support the biodiversity of the original primary forests, as well as offer the benefits that tropical forests provide to humans, such as clean water and carbon uptake. This is an issue of global importance because the area of degraded and secondary forests in the tropics covers an estimated 850 million hectares and is likely to increase.

In Brazil, Uriarte explores how forest regrowth between remnant fragments of primary forest influences the genetic structure of the species that have survived inside of these fragments. She expects deep insights from this project because genetic data dates back 13 years, making it possible to see firsthand what the genetic composition of species in remnant fragments looked like before and after

the pastures originally cleared in areas surrounding the fragments became reforested. Deforestation in the tropics is continuing at rates that lack historical precedent resulting in the extensive fragmentation of species-rich rain forests. Insights from Uriarte's project are likely to be relevant to what is happening to forests in other areas.

Uriarte's work in Peru involves not only biologists but also anthropologists and climate scientists. For centuries, farmers in the Peruvian Amazon have used burning to manage agricultural fields, and more recently, to clear and clean pastures. Yet the landscapes of the region are being rapidly transformed by clearing for large-scale plantation agriculture, especially biofuel production, by extensive ranching and by new patterns of smaller-scale land uses by non-Amazonian migrants who arrive in large numbers from the coast and highlands of Peru. Large fires escaped from burning fields and pastures have become common dry season events that ravage forests, farms and settlements in much of Amazonia and recently, these destructive fires have become a major problem along this region.

The immediate causes of increased fire susceptibility reflect a variety of changes in economic policies. The policies at stake have affected agricultural development and land settlement in the Ama-

zon Basin, and led to rising prices for tropical commodities including biofuels that might serve as substitutes for petroleum products. Many of these changes result from a series of enacted policies and decisions taken on national and local levels. The disruptions produced by rapid land use and demographic transformations are compounded by the uncertainties of a changing climate. Uriarte's team aims to quantify the critical factors driving the increased incidence of fires. The researchers are trying to determine whether the fires are the result of droughts, or of recent changes in land use, or perhaps of the management practices of new migrants.

"As scientists, we like to deal with one thing at a time," she says. "Right now, so much is happening at once that that is impossible. What's the effect of climate change on forests? Legacies of human land use? Development policies? There are so many important questions. The trick is to identify which ones we must manage to preserve biodiversity, critical ecosystem services and human livelihoods."

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Frontiers of Science Broadens the Liberal Arts Education

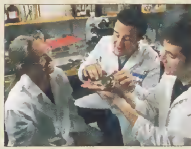
The seniors who will graduate from Columbia College this May were not yet born when Columbia first began to consider how to add a science component to the Core Curriculum.

The debate began in 1982, when Professor David Helfand, now the chair of the Department of Astronomy, was asked to head the Committee on the Place of Science in a Liberal Curriculum.

"When I got here in 1977, I was delighted to see that the faculty actually had the temerity to say, 'These ideas are important, these books are important, and I don't care what you are majoring in, you will all do this together,'" he says. "I was simultaneously appalled that this Core Curriculum, which was advertised in the catalog as the intellectual arms of the University and preparation for life as an intelligent citizen, consisted of seven humanities courses, zero math courses, zero science courses and zero social science courses."

For 22 years, Helfand worked with faculty, administrators and alumni, many of whom had a deep emotional attachment to the Core as it was, in an effort to create a science component for the Core Curriculum. The basic goals of the project were "to show students that science is interesting because of the things we don't understand, not the set of facts that we do," and "to inculcate in them a set of quantitative reasoning skills that many students lack," he says.

In 2004, Columbia launched the Frontiers of Science course on a trial basis. In this one-semester class, which College students generally take in either the fall or spring semesters of their first year,



Professor Darcy Kelley (left) says Frontiers focuses on what's happening in science right now.

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students attend a series of lectures presented by noted senior faculty on current research, and then meet in smaller seminar-style groups to discuss the topics covered.

The topics change every year as research advances. More than 30 tenured professors have taught the course, and each lecture must be rehearsed twice in front of the faculty before it is presented to the students.



David Helfand has been thinking about a Core course in science since the 1970s.

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"The course emphasizes the frontiers, the breakthroughs," says Darcy Kelley, the Harold Weintraub Professor of Biological Sciences, one of the Frontiers' creators. "Doing anything in science, you have to struggle through years and years of preparation. In Frontiers, you don't. You get to cut to the chase and talk about what's happening right now. That's fun for faculty to talk about, but it's also fun to hear."

The seminars are taught by tenured faculty and post-doctoral research fellows with a specific interest in interdisciplinary science teaching. Regardless of the instructor's expertise, he or she teaches all components of the course, which has proven alluring to dozens of faculty members.

"As scientists go deeper into their fields, their focus becomes narrower and narrower," says Kelley, who this year gave four lectures on neuroscience. "Here, astronomers who haven't done biology since ninth grade get to

learn about and teach biology. Scientists do what they do because they love to learn science. Frontiers allows them to explore new fields. What's not to love?"

Although Frontiers initially was met with resistance from some students, others found it eye-opening. The course has begun to gain traction as a vital piece of the Core education, even converting some students from liberal arts majors to science majors.

"Understanding scientific methods of argument and inquiry is an important requirement of citizenship in the 21st century," says Dean Michele Moody-Adams. "Frontiers of Science seeks to develop that understanding so that students graduate from the College able to participate responsibly in those political, social and economic debates that require some awareness of the nature and goals of modern science."

Frontiers recently underwent an initial five-year review, and it continues to be revised, in a process that Helfand says he hopes will never cease.

Moody-Adams has approved a second, more extensive review of Frontiers of Science. External reviewers will join Columbia faculty in examining the course's content and methods to ensure that it fully embodies the goals of the College's Core Curriculum.

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GURU OF Climate Change LAW

When an island nation is threatened with extinction due to rising waters, Michael Gerrard '72 is the man to call

BY SHIRA BOSS '93, '97J, '98 SIPA

Leaders of the Marshall Islands, alarmed that their country is slowly disappearing into the Pacific Ocean due to rising waters caused by climate change, recently turned to environmental lawyer Michael Gerrard '72 for help.

Gerrard, renowned in the field of environmental law and especially climate change law, returned to Columbia from private practice two years ago to teach at the Law School and head the new Center for Climate Change Law (columbiaclimatelaw.com), the first of its kind. Its mission is to develop legal techniques and resources to help governments, companies and even individuals fight global warming and cope with its impact.

Gerrard visited the Marshall Islands late last year and witnessed the vulnerabilities firsthand. The capital, Majuro, rises only a few feet above sea level on an island whose width is roughly the distance between Broadway and Amsterdam Avenue on the Columbia campus. It's not just an outright disappearance underwater that threatens habitability but also erosion from rising tides, pounding by increasingly severe tropical storms, and salt water infiltrating the drinking water supply, which are already happening.

Among the Marshall Islands' legal concerns, which they share with other small island nations are: Where would their citizens go, with what citizenship status, if and when their country becomes uninhabitable? Would the country retain fishing and mineral rights? Would it still be a country at all?

"The questions were so novel and difficult and numerous that they were beyond our capabilities to answer on our own," says Gerrard, the Andrew Sabin Professor of Professional Practice, referring to the Center for Climate Change Law's small staff of student interns, four fellows and two visiting scholars. Instead, Gerrard put out an international call for papers — answered by 77 scholars in 23 countries — and organized a conference to be held at Columbia on May 23–25, "Threatened Island Nations: Legal Implications of a Changing Climate."

It's not just encroaching oceans that are a concern worldwide, says Gerrard. Climate change has grown into one of the most vital problems affecting the earth. Gerrard has been heavily involved in the issue for several years and has worked at the forefront of environmental law since its inception in the 1970s. He has written nine books on specific areas of environmental law, including the first and definitive volume on U.S. climate change law, and he has represented scores of corporate, municipal and nonprofit clients in environmental actions.

"There's overwhelming scientific evidence that humans are causing changes to the climate and that these changes will have a significant negative impact," Gerrard says. He believes that legal techniques are among the most effective tools to change patterns of energy production and use and address climate change.

Gerrard came of age in an industrial area of Charleston, W.Va., heavily polluted with discharge from chemical plants. While he was an undergrad, the country was just waking up to the importance of environmental protection. In 1970, the first Earth Day was celebrated, the Environmental Protection Agency was founded and Congress passed key legislation such as the Clean Air Act.

"In the shadow of Vietnam, there was a lot of attention paid



Signs of the damage caused by rising waters due to climate change are everywhere in the Marshall Islands. Top: Michael Gerrard '72 stands on a beach where much of the sand has been washed away, exposing the trees' roots and threatening their survival. Middle left: Gerrard examines a building whose underpinnings are endangered by rising waters. Middle right: One of many gravestones that have been damaged by the encroaching seas. Immediate right: Gerrard and Martha Campbell, U.S. ambassador to the Republic of the Marshall Islands. Far right: Back home in Chappaqua, N.Y., Gerrard with his wife, Barbara, supervisor of the Town of New Castle, and their sons, William '05, '12 Arts (second from right) and David '03, '07 Arts.

PHOTOS: DERRAIN COOK (MARSHALL ISLANDS), LORI SACHARE (FAR RIGHT)



to reforming society and controlling corporate conduct," Gerrard says. "It became clear that the environmental problems of the country resulted not only from engineering failures but also from political and legal failures, and that political and legal action was a necessary component of fighting environmental decline."

A political science major, Gerrard initially pursued a career in journalism. He was a writer and editor at *Spectator* and worked in the summers and after graduation for the *Charleston Gazette* and the Charleston bureau of the Associated Press.

But a seminar he took during his junior year, "Institute in American Politics and Social Change," taught by Alan F. Westin, led him to his eventual field of environmental law. In Westin's course, Gerrard studied the problem of air pollution in West Virginia. That research turned into his senior thesis, "The Politics of Air Pollution in West Virginia," for which he won the Alan J. Wilen Memorial Prize for the best thesis on American politics.

After his stint in journalism, Gerrard came back to New York in 1973 to be a policy analyst at the Council on the Environment of New York City, affiliated with the Office of the Mayor. He became involved in the Westway case, the biggest development controversy in New York City in the '70s. It involved a proposal to build an

which came out this spring. He now is co-editing a book on the law of adaptation to climate change, which includes domestic and international laws. Two of his books have won the Association of American Publishers' Outstanding Legal Book of the Year award: the 12-volume *Environmental Law Practice Guide* and the four-volume *Brownfields Law and Practice: The Cleanup and Redevelopment of Contaminated Land*, both of which are continually supplemented.

"He's very unusual in not only the quality but the amount of his writing — books, articles and studies," says Ross Sandler, professor of law at New York Law School, who was the adjunct who taught environmental law to Gerrard at NYU. "Many academic lawyers would envy his output over the years." Sandler says part of what enabled Gerrard to be so prolific while practicing law full-time is that he "keeps voluminous files on every aspect of environmental law, and has them meticulously organized — he did the work of a computer even before computers."

Gerrard has been ranked by Who's Who Legal and in the *Guide to the World's Leading Environmental Lawyers* as one of the top environmental lawyers in the world. Peers surveyed by the publication group Best Lawyers designated him the 2010 New York Environmental Lawyer of the Year. Their awards are given to the attorneys

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interstate highway on the far West Side that would have included landfill in the Hudson River and cost about \$2 billion. "At a time when the New York subway and bus systems were falling apart, this would have cost \$10,000 a linear inch," Gerrard says.

The battle helped inspire Gerrard to become a lawyer. "It became clear to me that this beast could best be fought in court and other legal arenas," he says. "I watched lawyers use legal techniques to great effect."

During law school at NYU, Gerrard interned at the Natural Resources Defense Council and remained involved in the Westway case, which was defeated in 1985 on environmental grounds. After he graduated from NYU Law in 1978 and went to work for Berle, Kass & Case, Gerrard's experience with Westway "led to a string of cases representing municipalities and community organizations litigating against highways," he says. He then used many of the same legal techniques to represent municipalities and citizens groups fighting hazardous, solid and radioactive waste landfills and incinerators.

When Gerrard attended law school, there was no environmental law program; the school's entire offering on the subject was a single course taught by an adjunct. Gerrard has not only built his expertise working in the field but also has helped shape it through numerous books and articles, work with environmental advocates, teaching and now by forming and leading the Center for Climate Change Law.

"He's always on the cutting edge," says Deborah Goldberg, who worked with Gerrard at two law firms and now is managing attorney of Earthjustice, a nonprofit public interest law firm. "He's written the book on any number of issues just as they were emerging, and is still doing it now, with the Center for Climate Change Law." Goldberg says he is the leading authority on environmental impact review in New York and that "the first thing anyone with a question in that area does is to reach for Mike's two-volume treatise."

Gerrard wrote the first and leading book on U.S. climate change law, *Global Climate Change and U.S. Law*, in 2007. His two most recent volumes are *The Law of Green Buildings: Regulatory and Legal Issues in Design, Construction, Operations and Financing*, published last August, and *The Law of Clean Energy: Efficiency and Renewables*,

who have earned their peers' highest respect for "their abilities, their professionalism and their integrity."

"He has a really sophisticated perspective," says Steve Cohen, director of the Earth Institute at Columbia. Gerrard was recruited to the faculty of both the Law School and the Earth Institute. "He understands the perspectives of interest groups, industry and environmentalists, and the details of environmental policy and law."

Gerrard continues his professional practice part-time as senior counsel at Arnold & Porter, where he was previously managing partner of the New York office and head of its environmental practice. He has represented numerous real estate companies involved in proposed development projects, helping them navigate the environmental review process and get the permits they need. Since 2002, he has represented developer Larry Silverstein concerning the environmental issues regarding redevelopment of the World Trade Center site.

"Mike analyzes legal issues without favor or bias. He is the first person we all look to on a difficult or close issue in our field," says Jim Periconi '70, who met Gerrard when they attended NYU Law and who now runs a boutique environmental law firm in New York and remains a friend. "He's given so much time and effort to nonprofits, and at the same time he has an impressive roster of corporate clients. He commands great respect in both camps — it's rare for an environmental attorney to be so admired and trusted by such radically competing interests."

Gerrard points out that the two sides are not always conflicting. "Many companies really do want to comply with environmental laws and want to know what they are and how to do that," he says. "Silverstein wants to make the new towers green. For years, we've been working on the design and construction and operation being as environmentally friendly as possible." The towers now being erected at the former World Trade Center site will earn the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Gold certification or the equivalent, Gerrard says.

For several years in the mid-'90s, Gerrard represented the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) on a pro bono basis in litigation against the New York City Department of Sanitation for failure to implement the city's recycling law. As a result of the

case and political pressure, recycling was expanded.

In 2008, he represented the NRDC in filing a petition — largely drafted by Gerrard — with the White House Council on Environmental Quality asking it to issue regulations requiring environmental impact statements to discuss greenhouse gas emissions and climate change. (The CEQ did issue proposed rules in February 2010.)

Gerrard has a reputation for tact and gentility, which make him a more influential attorney and advocate and also, colleagues say, a behavioral role model.

"Mike never gets frazzled," Periconi says. "He's the most generous of people in helping colleagues with the right way to approach a legal problem, providing sources of information you didn't know existed, telling you the right people to call on an issue ... and yet he's supremely modest about his accomplishments. I've never heard anyone say a negative word about Mike Gerrard — ever."

Gerrard taught courses as an adjunct at the Law School, NYU Law and the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies before joining the faculties of the Law School and the Earth Institute full-time at the beginning of 2009.

"I came to feel climate change is one of the most serious issues facing humanity, and since I have some expertise, I felt an obligation to devote myself to helping devise solutions and train the next generation of leaders in the field," Gerrard says. "There's too much to be done, and not enough people to do it."

Cohen says Gerrard is truly interested in education and is a popular teacher, whose courses on environmental law, climate change law and energy law are always full.

"What he brings to the classroom is his enormous experience from the time environmental law started, so students get the benefit of knowing what went on and how we got to where we are today," Sandler says.

Students say Gerrard, who can come across as staid before getting to know him, makes even lecture courses lively and interactive. He will play YouTube videos to bring the material to life, and has brought in bumper stickers from oppositional campaigns and original documents from cases for show and tell. "He's quite funny, and intersperses anecdotes from his years of experience in the field throughout the class," says Ben Schiffman '11L. "He's been involved in many of the foundational environmental law cases we read in the case books — you are unlikely to have a professor who can do that in other fields such as, say, property law, which was largely developed centuries ago."

While student interest in pursuing environmental careers has been growing during the past decade or so — enrollments in related courses have increased, and the College added a major in sustainable development in 2010 — neither the school nor Gerrard fully anticipated his reception on campus. For 18 spots available in the spring 2010 semester for his "Seminar on Energy Law," a topic Gerrard says was previously considered "an obscure corner of the law," 130 students applied. Demand remains strong, and this semester, for the first time, Gerrard admitted 20 undergraduates to his "Climate Change Law" lecture class.

Carolyn Matos '12, an urban studies major who interned at the Center for Climate Change Law last summer, is taking "Climate Change Law" and says she has decided to pursue environ-

mental law as a career, "primarily because of Professor Gerrard, how much he loves environmental law and how passionate he is about climate law."

"I find a great deal more student interest in environmental law now versus before," Gerrard says, referring to his time as an adjunct lecturer at the Law School from 1992–2000. "Before, it was considered a specialty, and not a great many wanted to go into it as a career. Now, people are attracted to it. They think environmental issues are important to their own futures and the future of civilization. The environment poses many fascinating legal and policy issues they'd like to tackle. And they see job growth in this area."

To reduce his carbon footprint, Gerrard commutes to campus from his home in Chappaqua, N.Y., by Metro-North train to East 125th Street, a cross-town bus and a half-mile walk on Amsterdam Avenue. He points out that mode of transportation is a major determinant of one's personal environmental impact.

Gerrard and his wife of 34 years, Barbara, to whom he was introduced through taking the Westin course, also are active in local politics. In November 2009, Barbara Gerrard was reelected to a second term as supervisor (the equivalent of mayor) of the Town of New Castle, of which Chappaqua is a part. The town has become increasingly environmentally conscious under her leadership and was the first in New York to sign the state's Climate Smart Communities Pledge to lower greenhouse gas emissions, promote recycling and reduce energy consumption.

Michael Gerrard has chaired the town's Solid Waste Advisory Board, which he admits sounds unglamorous but says plays an important role in any local environment. He also sits on several nonprofit boards, and for 10 years was the pro bono general counsel of the Municipal Art Society of New York.

The couple's sons, David '03, '07 Arts, and William '05, '12 Arts, are third-generation Columbians. Gerrard's parents met while both were at-

tending graduate school at Columbia: his father, Nathan '52 GSAS, in sociology, and his mother, Louise '69 GSAS, in political science (she took time off to raise Michael and his brother, then completed her Ph.D. when Michael was a first-year at the College).

A tagline for Gerrard's career could be "Act Globally, Act Locally." At the same time that he has been working on the plight of drowning island nations, he was one of six private citizens appointed to work on the issue closer to home, as part of New York State's Sea Level Rise Task Force. "The sea is rising and rising at an accelerating rate," he says. "By the end of the century, the rise could be quite significant for low-lying cities, including New York." Regarding his wide-ranging involvement in the field, he states simply, "There are a lot of balls to juggle."

Colleagues marvel at how much Gerrard accomplishes, and at the way he does it. Periconi says, "I think of Mike as perhaps the best exemplar of the mix of qualities promoted by a Columbia education: a spirit of intellectual adventurousness, tremendous public mindedness, contributing to the commonweal and not all that focused on promoting his own career yet with outstanding professional accomplishment."

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Gerrard is a pioneer in environmental law and has helped shape the growing field with his prolific writings, professional work and the founding of Columbia's Center for Climate Change Law.

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Club Sports Flourish at Columbia

Nearly twice as many Columbia athletes compete in clubs as on the varsity level

BY JONATHAN LEMIRE '01

Club sports participants are Columbia's oft-overlooked athletes.

They are rarely written up in *Spectator*, and their games are not broadcast on WKCR. They aren't recognized by fellow students when they walk across campus, nor do large crowds usually throng to their games.

But they are everywhere, and their groups are growing in size, stature and skill. More than 1,600 students participate in club sports at Columbia, nearly double the number who are on the 31 varsity squads.

There are 38 club teams on campus — from archery to kayaking, from racquetball to table tennis — and each team is entirely student-run. Students raise the money for uniforms, they make hotel and travel arrangements for tournaments, they network with alumni and they balance up to 15 hours a week of practice with their academic responsibilities.

"You do everything," says Marie Johnson '12 Barnard, president of the Sailing Club. "And you're not just an athlete. You learn to communicate, to organize, to fundraise. You learn more skills than just what you need to succeed at your sport."

Club sports are not intramurals, which are loosely organized games among friends that sometimes are played on South Lawn. Rather, club teams are well-run squads with an informative website (columbia.edu/cu/clubsports) and significant budgets that train at Athletic Department facilities and compete against other colleges — often including varsity teams — up and down the East Coast and beyond.

They are open to all Columbia undergraduate and graduate students; even a handful of faculty and staff participate, though the vast majority of athletes are enrolled at the College, Barnard and Engineering.



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Kerry Morrison '11 (seated), captain and president of the Columbia Sailing Club in 2009 and 2010, with Weston Friedman '08 in one of the new boats that are the result of club members' fundraising efforts.



Kelsey Mowatt-Larssen '12 Barnard (right) will be captain of the Tae Kwon Do team next year.

Though records often are fuzzy, club sports on campus date back to at least the 1920s, according to Athletics Department officials. Interest in particular teams has ebbed and flowed across the decades, but Morningside Heights has remained a welcoming home to organized non-varsity sports.

In recent years, the number of students participating has steadily grown, from 1,241 in 2006 to 1,391 in 2009 to 1,649 this academic year. For many of those students, the ability to play their favorite sport on campus even factors into their decision of which college to attend.

"I started taking martial arts classes when I was 5 and was a black belt by 9," says Miyako Yerick '12, president of the Tae Kwon Do Club. "It became more than just a sport to me; it was as much about the mental aspects as it was the physical. I loved that combination. I loved how it made me feel completely in control."

"It is a part of who I am," adds Yerick, who grew up in the Northern Virginia suburbs of Washington, D.C. "There was no question that I would compete while in college."

However, club sports also cater to a different sort of athlete, the one who is eager to try something new.

"There are two categories of people who join club sports," says Alexandra Voss '11 Barnard, president of Columbia's Club Sports Governing Board. "First, there are those who have been doing a sport a long time, usually in high school, and they want to continue to compete at a pretty high level. But there are others who get to a campus as a freshman and say 'Hey, equestrian, I want to give that a shot.' We are delighted to cater to those types of students, too. That's the beauty of club sports."

Twenty-seven sports offer co-ed squads for students to join, while rugby, water polo, volleyball, ultimate Frisbee and ice hockey have separate men's and women's teams. Lacrosse is available as a club for men (it's a varsity sport for women). The Athletics Department provides space and support for the club teams, who rent the space themselves.

"Students can start a new club team at any time," says Brian Jines, director of intramural and club sports. "If enough students

come forward in an organized fashion and with a detailed plan and budget, we're happy to entertain the idea of a new team."

According to a University bylaw established in the 1970s, there cannot be a club team in a sport that already has a varsity squad — so, for example, no basketball, baseball or soccer. However, a few older clubs that duplicate a varsity team, such as archery, have been grandfathered in.

All club teams are managed the same way. They each nominate four student officers who run their respective teams with the assistance of the Club Sports Governing Board, which is staffed by four elected undergraduates. Though Athletics Department officials are happy to provide guidance, the students run the show.

"Each club is only as strong as its students," says Johnson. "That's an amazing thing. And I know the students want to be as strong as possible."

The entire club sports program, which has an annual budget of approximately \$600,000, is funded in two ways. About one-third comes from a program known as Funding at Columbia, which is money collected from student fees that is distributed by a consortium of student councils. This year, that program — known informally as F@CU — is expected to distribute about \$246,000. The other two-thirds is generated by the teams themselves through a combination of student dues, team fundraisers, alumni donations and, yes, even bake sales.

"There's a wide range in what teams need to fundraise," says Voss, who is from Cambridge, Mass. "For, say, equestrian and sailing, those are expensive sports that require teams to raise a lot of money. But for the road runners, who use very little equipment, they charge one \$10 fee per student and they have all they need."

Voss, a former president of the Tae Kwon Do Club, highlighted the need for increased alumni involvement to ensure the continued health of most teams.

"The biggest challenge for a club sport, by far, is the high turnover rate," she says. "It's not like a varsity sport, which has the Athletics Department infrastructure. These are student-run teams and those students graduate. The alums, though, can be a constant presence."

Many former students agree. Some teams, like rugby, have long-established alumni organizations whose members help students with everything from fundraising to career counseling. But many others don't have that in place, and a group of alumni is trying to change that.

"Unlike the varsity sports, where a lot is done for you by the school, these students are doing everything on their own," says Dave Filosa '82, a member of the varsity crew team while at Columbia who now is a partner at Morningside Securities, an investment banking firm. "It's a very self-motivated group who do it for themselves. There's little glory to be had, even if they win a championship."

"What they do is really impressive," he adds. "We want alums, especially those who played a club sport themselves, to see that and ask themselves, 'What can we do to help?'"

Filosa is drawing upon his experiences with the King's Crown Rowing Association, an alumni group founded in 1983 that allowed graduates to not only keep alive their love affair with crew but also to connect with their successors at the school. He is hoping to build similar bridges between alumni and the teams on which they played.

"The goal here, at first, is to set up a framework so that the students are able to communicate in more direct ways with alums," says Filosa, who is a member of the Columbia College Alumni Association Board of Directors. "Some teams haven't kept great records, so it's hard to reconnect with alums. We want

to make that easier.

"We want to establish a relationship between club sports and the Alumni Association," he says. "If we get greater involvement and interaction ... well, the money will come from the alums someday, too, and that will really help the teams."

Some teams have taken the initiative. Earlier this year, the Tae Kwon Do Club hosted its second annual alumni dinner, and the graduates returned to Morningside Heights bearing valuable advice.

"For any student who has a question, there's an alum who has an answer," says Yerick, who added that one of her team's instructors is a Columbia graduate, Roshan Bharwaney '05 TC. "It's nice to have them around and to go to them for the answer. They've been around the block and know what they're talking about."

Perhaps the greatest recent success of alumni and students working together to improve a club team came last year, when the Sailing Club needed a new fleet of boats. With some guidance from an alumni board, the team set upon an ambitious plan of cold-calling and letter-writing to Sailing Club alumni, capped off with a fundraising dinner. All told, they brought in about \$115,000, well more than the \$55,000 needed for the fleet of 10 new 14-foot-long boats.

"It was the hardest thing we've done but also the most rewarding," says Johnson, the team president, who is from Seattle. "We tried to build up a base of alums to contact, and they responded and made this happen."

Members of the 30-person sailing team rent a van three times a week from September to November and again in March and April and drive north to City Island in the Bronx, where they practice on the waters of Long Island Sound. They compete nearly every weekend at schools such as Cornell, Dartmouth and the Naval Academy, but now, thanks to the new boats, they soon will be able to welcome their rivals to their own turf, or more accurately, water.

"We've put Columbia University on the sailing map," says Johnson, her voice brimming with pride. "Now, we can finally host regattas, too."

Columbia hosted one in April and will host two more in the fall, including an alumni regatta in October.

"We've heard from so many alums who tell us, 'We always wanted to do this — to buy these boats, to host these races — but you guys were the ones to finally make it happen.' It's such a feeling of pride and accomplishment," says Johnson. Members of the team also will start teaching a sailing physical education class for undergraduates.

An article in *Spectator* last fall posed the question of whether the sailing squad would consider petitioning to become a varsity sport, an opportunity another club team recently jumped at. Completing a process that began nearly a decade earlier, the men's Squash Club and the women's Squash Club each were granted approval to elevate to the varsity level for the 2010-11 season.

In order for a team to make the leap, Jines explains, it must have high levels of success and participation as well as comply with pertinent NCAA and Title IX rules. It then needs the approval of the Athletics Department and the Faculty Athletic Committee, which governs the sports programs at the school.

"It was a really proud moment for the club sports program, the Athletics Department and the school when the squash clubs were elevated," says Jines, who notes that an elevation to varsity is a rare event. The last team to do so was softball in 2001.



Anne Cheng '11 Barnard compiled a 13-5 record in 2010-11 after women's squash went from a club sport to the varsity level.

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Both squash teams fared well in their debut varsity seasons. The men's squad went 13-5 while the women went 12-6, and each team sent competitors to the national championship meets in March.

"We were the last Ivy League school not to have a varsity squad," says Liz Chu '12, a captain of the women's team, who grew up in New York City. "The alums were pushing for it, and the players were on board completely. It's a lot more work but the trade-off is worth it. We have extra resources now: stipends for food, free uniforms and transportation, and tutors if you're having a little trouble with a class."

"It's a great level of prestige," says Chu, whose team will compete in a full Ivy League schedule next year. "It's something we wanted."

Will sailing be next to make the move to varsity status? Not necessarily.

"Do we have the school support and funding we need to make it happen? Yes, on both fronts," Johnson says. "I can understand why some teams want to make the move, but I don't think it's right for us."

Several of the nation's top sailing teams, like Brown's squad, are club level and not varsity, she explains. And if the team leaves the realm of club sports behind, Johnson fears that what her team would gain in resources it would lose in control.

"Students wouldn't be running everything anymore," she says. "And I'm afraid we'd no longer have one of the key elements of our team: We bring freshmen onto our boats who have never been on the water, and we know we're training our future captains."

"They'll learn and grow into that role," says Johnson, "and I think that's what club sports are all about."

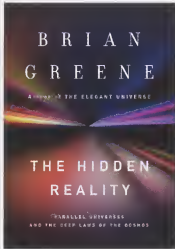
Did you participate in club sports at Columbia? Today's clubs would like to hear from their alumni. Contact Brian Jines, director of intramural and club sports, at bj2149@columbia.edu, and he will forward your note to the respective club leaders.

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The Hidden Reality

*Brian Greene explores parallel universes
and the deep laws of the cosmos in his latest book*



Brian Greene
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Brian Greene, professor of mathematics and physics, is a theoretical physicist well-known for his discoveries in superstring theory, a field that (as Greene puts it) “has the potential to realize Einstein’s long-sought dream of a single, all-encompassing theory of the universe.” Greene also is the author of two bestselling books on cutting-edge physics. The first, *The Elegant Universe: Superstrings, Hidden Dimensions, and the Quest for the Ultimate Theory*, published in 2000, was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize and was translated into a Peabody Award-winning PBS series in 2004. Another, *The Fabric of the Cosmos: Space, Time, and the Texture of Reality*, published in 2004, also is being produced as a PBS series.

Greene’s latest volume, *The Hidden Reality: Parallel Universes and the Deep Laws of the Cosmos* (Knopf, 2011), takes his investigations one step further. This time, he looks at the parallel universes that may surround us, in forms of infinite variety. In the following excerpt, Greene describes the big bang theory’s poetic but inevitable revelation: There is cosmic microwave radiation suffusing our universe, its atoms lingering on from the distant past.

Rose Kernochan ’82 Barnard

A pioneering group of physicists in the mid-1900s realized that if you were to shut off the sun, remove the other stars from the Milky Way, and even sweep away the more distant galaxies, space would not be black. To the human eye it would appear black, but if you could see radiation in the microwave part of the spectrum, then every which way you turned you’d see a uniform glow. Its origin? *The origin*. Remarkably, these physicists discovered a pervasive sea of microwave radiation filling space that is a present-day relic of the universe’s creation. The story of this breakthrough recounts a phenomenal achievement of the big bang theory, but in time it also revealed one of the theory’s fundamental shortcomings and thus set the stage for the next major breakthrough in cosmology after the pioneering works of [Alexander] Friedmann and [Monsignor Georges-Henri] Lemaître: the *inflationary theory*.

Inflationary cosmology modifies the big bang theory by inserting an intense burst of enormously fast expansion during the universe’s earliest moments. This modification, as we will see, proves essential to explaining some otherwise perplexing features of the relic radiation. But more than that, inflationary cosmology is a key chapter in our story because scientists have gradually realized over the last few decades that the most convincing versions of the theory yield a vast collection of parallel universes, radically transforming the complexion of reality.

RELICS OF A HOT BEGINNING

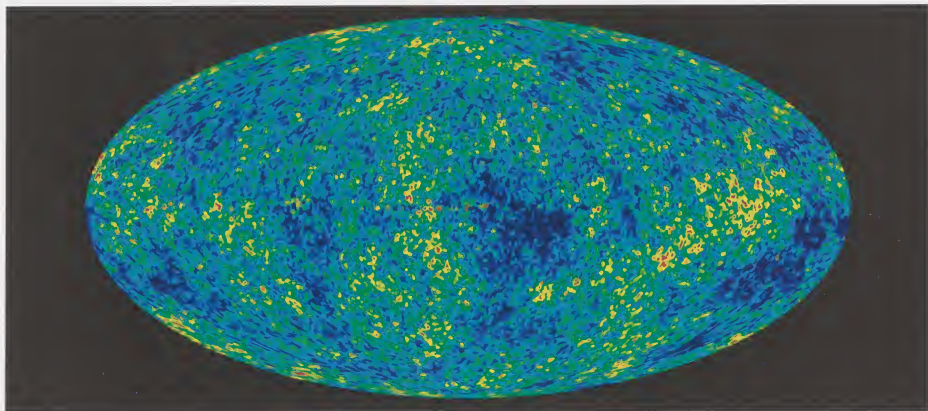
George Gamow, a hulking six-foot-three Russian physicist known for important contributions to quantum and nuclear physics in the early twentieth century, was as quick-witted and fun-loving as he was hard-living (in 1932, he and his wife tried to defect from the Soviet Union by paddling across the Black Sea in a kayak stocked with a healthy assortment of chocolate and brandy; when bad weather sent the two scurrying back to shore, Gamow was able to fast-talk the authorities with a tale of the unfortunately failed scientific experiments he'd been undertaking at sea). In the 1940s, after having successfully slipped past the

three minutes, the rapidly falling temperature remained sufficiently high for the universe to act like a cosmic nuclear furnace, synthesizing the simplest atomic nuclei: hydrogen, helium, and trace amounts of lithium. But with the passing of just a few more minutes, the temperature dropped to about 10^8 Kelvin (K), roughly 10,000 times the surface temperature of the sun. Although immensely high by everyday standards, this temperature was too low to support further nuclear processes, and so from this time on the particle commotion largely abated. For eons that followed, not much happened except that space kept expanding and the particle bath kept cooling.

Then, some 370,000 years later, when the universe had cooled to about 3000 K, half the sun's surface temperature, the cosmic

their atomic unions are electrically neutral. And since a plasma of electrically neutral composites allows photons to slip through like a hot knife through butter, the formation of atoms allowed the cosmic fog to clear and the luminous echo of the big bang to be released. The primordial photons have been streaming through space ever since.

Well, with one important caveat. Although no longer knocked to and fro by electrically charged particles, the photons have been subject to one other important influence. As space expands, things dilute and cool, including photons. But unlike particles of matter, photons don't slow down when they cool; being particles of light, they always travel at light speed. Instead, when photons cool their vibrational frequencies decrease, which means they change color. Violet pho-



The cosmic microwave background was formed approximately 380,000 years after the big bang. The different colors denote differences in temperature, which correspond to tiny density enhancements, that later condensed into the first structures.

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iron curtain (on dry land, with less chocolate) and settled in at Washington University in St. Louis, Gamow turned his attention to cosmology. With critical assistance from his phenomenally talented graduate student Ralph Alpher, Gamow's research resulted in a far more detailed and vivid picture of the universe's earliest moments than had been revealed by the earlier work of Friedmann (who had been Gamow's teacher back in Leningrad) and Lemaître. With a little modern updating, Gamow and Alpher's picture looks like this.

Just after its birth, the stupendously hot and dense universe experienced a frenzy of activity. Space rapidly expanded and cooled, allowing a particle stew to congeal from the primordial plasma. For the first

monotony was interrupted by a pivotal turn of events. To that point, space had been filled with a plasma of particles carrying electric charge, mostly protons and electrons. Because electrically charged particles have the unique ability to jostle photons — particles of light — the primordial plasma would have appeared opaque; the photons, incessantly buffeted by electrons and protons, would have provided a diffuse glow similar to a car's high beams cloaked by a dense fog. But when the temperature dropped below 3000 K, the rapidly moving electrons and nuclei slowed sufficiently to amalgamate into atoms; electrons were captured by the atomic nuclei and drawn into orbit. This was a key transformation. Because protons and electrons have equal but opposite charges,

tons will shift to blue, then to green, to yellow, to red, and then into the infrared (like those visible with night goggles), the microwave (like those that heat food by bouncing around your microwave oven), and finally into the domain of radio frequencies.

As Gamow first realized and as Alpher and his collaborator Robert Herman worked out with greater fidelity, all this means that if the big bang theory is correct, then space everywhere should now be filled with *remnant photons from the creation event*, streaming every which way, whose vibrational frequencies are determined by how much the universe has expanded and cooled during the billions of years since they were released. Detailed mathematical calculations showed that the photons should have cooled close

to absolute zero, placing their frequencies in the microwave part of the spectrum. For this reason, they are called the *cosmic microwave background radiation*.

I recently reread the papers of Gamow, Alpher, and Herman that in the late 1940s announced and explained these conclusions. They are marvels of theoretical physics. The technical analyses involved require hardly more than a grounding in undergraduate physics, and yet the results are profound. The authors concluded that we are all immersed in a bath of photons, a cosmic heirloom bequeathed to us by the universe's fiery birth.

With that buildup, you may find it surprising that the papers were ignored. This was mostly because they were written during an era dominated by quantum and nuclear physics. Cosmology had yet to make its mark as a quantitative science, so the physics culture was less receptive to

telephone calls in the history of science.

While Dicke and Peebles had been calculating, the physicists Arno Penzias and Robert Wilson at Bell Labs, less than thirty miles from Princeton, had been struggling with a radio communications antenna (coincidentally, it was based on a design Dicke had come up with in the 1940s). No matter what adjustments they made, the antenna hissed with a steady, unavoidable background noise. Penzias and Wilson were convinced that something was wrong with their equipment. But then came a serendipitous chain of conversations. It began with a talk Peebles gave in February 1965 at Johns Hopkins University, which was attended by the Carnegie Institution radio astronomer Kenneth Turner, who mentioned the results he heard Peebles present to his MIT colleague Bernard Burke, who happened to be in touch with Penzias at Bell Labs. Hearing of the Princeton research, the Bell Labs team realized that their antenna was hissing

logical investigations. The reason is clear. In a great many fields, researchers would give their eyeteeth to have an unfettered, direct glimpse of the past. Instead, they generally have to piece together a view of remote conditions on the basis of evidence from remnants — weathered fossils, decaying parchments, or mummified remains. Cosmology is the one field in which we can actually witness history. The pinpoints of starlight we can see with the naked eye are streams of photons that have been traveling toward us for a few years or a few thousand. The light from more distant objects, captured by powerful telescopes, has been traveling toward us far longer, sometimes for billions of years. When you look at such ancient light, you are seeing — literally — ancient times. Those primeval comings and goings transpired far away, but the apparent large-scale uniformity of the universe argues strongly that what was happening there was also, on average, happening here.

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what seemed like fringe theoretical studies. To some degree, the papers also languished because of Gamow's unusually playful style (he once modified the authorship of a paper he was writing with Alpher to include his friend the future Nobel laureate Hans Bethe, just to make the paper's byline — Alpher, Bethe, Gamow — sound like the first three letters of the Greek alphabet), which resulted in some physicists taking him less seriously than he deserved. Try as they might, Gamow, Alpher, and Herman could not interest anyone in their results, let alone persuade astronomers to devote the significant effort required to attempt to detect the relic radiation they predicted. The papers were quickly forgotten.

In the early 1960s, unaware of the earlier work, the Princeton physicists Robert Dicke and Jim Peebles went down a similar path and also realized that the big bang's legacy should be the presence of a ubiquitous background radiation filling space. Unlike the members of Gamow's team, however, Dicke was a renowned experimentalist and so didn't need to persuade anyone to seek the radiation observationally. He could do it himself. Together with his students David Wilkinson and Peter Roll, Dicke devised an experimental scheme to capture some of the big bang's vestigial photons. But before the Princeton researchers could put their plan to the test, they received one of the most famous

for good reason: *it was picking up the cosmic microwave background radiation*. Penzias and Wilson called Dicke, who quickly confirmed that they had unintentionally tapped into the reverberation of the big bang.

The two groups agreed to publish their papers simultaneously in the prestigious *Astrophysical Journal*. The Princeton group discussed their theory of the background radiation's cosmological origin, while the Bell Labs team reported, in the most conservative of language and with no mention of cosmology, the detection of uniform microwave radiation permeating space. Neither paper mentioned the earlier work of Gamow, Alpher, and Herman. For their discovery, Penzias and Wilson were awarded the 1978 Nobel Prize in physics.

Gamow, Alpher, and Herman were deeply dismayed, and in the years that followed struggled mightily to have their work recognized. Only gradually and belatedly has the physics community saluted their primary role in this monumental discovery.

THE UNCANNY UNIFORMITY OF ANCIENT PHOTONS

During the decades since it was first observed, the cosmic microwave background radiation has become a crucial tool in cosmo-

logical investigations. In looking up, we are looking back.

The cosmic microwave photons allow us to make the most of this opportunity. No matter how technology may improve, the microwave photons are the oldest we can hope to see, because their elder brethren were trapped by the foggy conditions that prevailed during earlier epochs. When we examine the cosmic microwave background photons, we are glimpsing how things were nearly 14 billion years ago.

Calculations show that today there are about 400 million of these cosmic microwave photons racing through every cubic meter of space. Although our eyes can't see them, an old-fashioned television set can. About 1 percent of the snow on a television that's been disconnected from the cable signal and tuned to a station that's ceased broadcasting is due to reception of the big bang's photons. It's a curious thought. The very same airwaves that carry reruns of *All in the Family* and *The Honeymooners* are infused with some of the universe's oldest fossils, photons communicating a drama that played out when the cosmos was but a few hundred thousand years old.

To watch Brian Greene talk about his work, go to college.columbia.edu/ect.

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Bookshelf

The Final Victim by *Larry Jukofsky* '46. A victim of the Holocaust rises from the grave as a vampire to take his revenge (Graveyard Publishing Co., \$16.95).

Joe Biden: A Life of Trial and Redemption by *Jules Witcover* '49. In this biography, Witcover begins with the vice president's roots in Scranton, Pa., and examines his private and political life (William Morrow, \$27.99).

An Accidental SportsWriter: A Memoir by *Robert Lipsyte* '57. Lipsyte's story of how he stumbled into a career as a prominent sports-writer includes insight into the lessons he learned from athletes and his personal heroes (Ecco, \$25.99).

Joe DiMaggio: The Long Vigil by *Jerome Charny* '59. After DiMaggio retired from baseball, some writers criticized his private life and labeled him as self-centered, but Charny is more sympathetic (Yale University Press, \$24).

Journalism and Other Atrocities: An Irreverent Memoir by *Arthur M. Louis* '59. After four decades in journalism, the author recounts the behind-the-scenes drama of his career and life (CreateSpace, \$16.95).

You Are My Heart and Other Stories by *Jay Neugeboren* '59. In this collection of short stories, Neugeboren raises questions about the complexities and mystery of life using diverse settings and various human relationships (Two Dollar Radio, \$16).

Diary of a Dean by *Herbert I. London* '60. This memoir about London's years as a professor and eventually founder and dean of a new college at NYU reveals how he balanced traditional Western standards of education with up-and-coming technologies (Hamilton Books, \$14.99).

Thinking about Logic: Classic Essays edited by *Steven M. Cahn* '63, *Robert B. Talisse* and *Scott F. Aikin*. The editors present provocative articles in the philosophy of logic; they provide further background in the introduction and discussion questions (Westview Press, \$24).

The Chess Players: A Novel of the Cold War at Sea by *Francis J. Partel* '63. This naval love story follows Ensign Cannon on the *Essex*, an anti-submarine vessel, and fictionalizes naval incidents that took place throughout the Cold War (Navy Log Books, \$21.95).

Sweet Justice: A Jake Neuman Mystery by *Jerry Oster* '64. Homicide detective Jake Neuman and his partner, Bobby Redfield, investigate the murder of a small-time crook and become embroiled in further trouble (PageTurner, \$15.99).

Embraceable Me by *Victor Cahn* '69. In this comic play about how opposites attract, Edward and Allison try to resolve their feelings for each other (Samuel French, Inc., \$8.95).

Writing Yoga: A Guide to Keeping a Practice Journal by *Bruce Black*

'76. Part memoir, part instruction, Black's debut delves into the nexus of yoga, writing and life (Rodmell Press, \$14.95).

Humor 101 by *Mitch Earleywine* '86. This book offers an introduction to the role of humor in the sciences (Springer Publishing Co., \$20).

Bangkok Vanishing: A Novel by *Eric Rogers* '87. Blake Lawrence, an ex-Force Recon Marine, husband and father, is blackmailed after a trip to help a Cambodian orphanage leads him into the Thailand bargain culture and Bangkok's criminal underground (Exotic Press, \$15.99).

Vargas Llosa and Latin American Politics edited by *Juan E. De Castro* and *Nicholas Birns* '88. These essays examine the writings of Peruvian novelist Llosa in the realm of his political thought and from different perspectives (Palgrave Macmillan, \$85).

Sub-versions of the Archive: Manuel Puig's and Servo Sarduy's Alternative Identities by *Carlos Riobó* '90. Drawing on sources within and outside the Hispanic literary tradition, Riobó examines the work of Argentinian writer Puig and Cuban writer Sarduy, and demonstrates the popularity of archival fiction among Latin-American novelists (Bucknell University Press, \$65).

Run Your Butt Off!: A Breakthrough Plan to Shed Pounds and Start Running (No Experience Necessary) by *Sarah Lorge Butler* '95

with *Leslie Bonci* and *Budd Coates*. This guide avoids shortcuts and focuses on burning more calories than are consumed to help readers lose weight; includes a companion workbook (Rodal Books, \$19.99).

Otherwise Known as Home by *Tim Wood* '96. In his debut collection of poems, Wood finds inspiration in his daily life, experimental writing practices and Shakespeare's sonnets (BlazeVOX [books], \$16).

Malcolm X: A Life of Reinvention by *Manning Marable*, the M. Moran Weston and Black Alumni Council Professor of African American Studies and professor of history and public affairs. Marable, who died on April 1, takes a new look at Malcolm X's life and ends with a new look at his assassination (Viking Adult, \$30).

Forms of Knowledge in Early Modern Asia: Explorations in the Intellectual History of India and Tibet, 1500–1800 edited by *Sheldon Pollock*, the William B. Ransford Professor of Sanskrit and Indian Studies. These essays explain how changes in communication and the notion of power shaped thinkers in India and Tibet and their response to a changing world (Duke University Press, \$24.95).

Henry James: Novels: 1903–1911 edited by *Ross Posnock*, the Anna S. Garbedian Professor of the Humanities. This final volume in a series examines and publishes James' last three major novels: *The*



A Serious Look at The Joker and His Creator

By AMANDA GORDON

Jerry Robinson, who attended the College in the early 1940s, decided to go to Columbia after he was offered a job illustrating a new comic book called *Batman*.

N.C. Christopher Couch '76, '87 GSAS took a more conventional route. "When I visited the campus with my family, I knew instantly it was where I wanted to be," he says.

More than 30 years separated their time at the University, but a love of comic books brought them together, first as friends, then as collaborators on *Jerry Robinson: Ambassador of Comics* (Abrams Comic Arts, \$35). The book charts Robinson's life, from his boyhood in Trenton, N.J., in the 1920s and '30s to his appearances at Comic-Con conventions, where he is treated as a mythic figure in comic book history.

Couch, who teaches courses on comic art and the graphic novel in the Program in Comparative Literature at University of Massachusetts Amherst, conducted more than 50 hours of interviews with Robinson, now 89, to write the book. "I just set down the tape recorder and asked, 'What would you like to talk about today?'" Couch says.

Some of the stories Robinson told, such as how he landed the Batman gig, are the stuff of legend. At a resort in the Poconos, Batman's creator, Bob Kane, took notice of the jacket Robinson wore to play tennis. It was covered in doodles, including one of a comb sticking out of the pocket. Amused and in need of an illustrator, Kane asked Robinson to work with him.

Robinson was 17 at the time, "a combination of tough street kid, budding intellectual and innocent teenager," Couch writes. He'd planned to go to Syracuse to study journalism. Kane's offer prompted him to select Columbia, which would keep him in New York City near his work.

It was in his creative writing classes at Columbia that Robinson got the idea for his most famous character, The Joker.

"A villain with a sense of humor would be the kind of contradiction that would make a character memorable," Robinson told Couch.

Financial pressures and the demands of his comic book work pulled Robinson away from Columbia after only two years. Couch, who arrived in New York from St. Louis, stayed 11 years, earning a B.A. in art history and three degrees at GSAS: an M.A., M.Phil. and Ph.D., all in art history and archeology.

"I knew by my sophomore year I wanted to be a professor. I was always in the library or Schermerhorn Hall (the home of the art history department)," Couch says. "To relax, I loved just walking around the campus."

Guided by faculty such as the Lisa and Bernard Selz Professor of

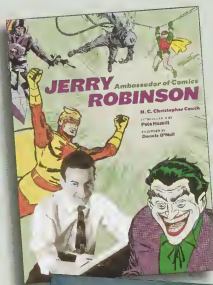


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Pre-Columbian Art History and Archaeology Esther Pasztor '71 GSAS and legendary cultural anthropologist Margaret Meade, Couch became a scholar of Native American and Latin American art. He wrote his dissertation on illustrations in Aztec manuscripts. In 1988 he joined the faculty of Smith.

Like Robinson, he too wound up with a job in the comic book industry, becoming an editor at Kitchen Sink Press, which specializes in comic books.

"One lesson I've learned is, if anyone asks you if you'd like to be a comic book editor, there's only one answer: yes."

Couch says his five years at Kitchen Sink changed the way he teaches. "I've worked with printers, distributors, artists," he says. "I have a kind of understanding that you can never get being just a scholar, and it deeply enriches my teaching."

It was through his job at Kitchen Sink that Couch met Robinson and reentered academe with a focus on comic books, teaching classes he describes as "historical and contextual survey courses that are totally informed by art history." He's currently teaching at New York's School of Visual Arts and Trinity College as well as at UMass.

For his book, Couch was eager to understand the sources of Robinson's dark visual style. He learned that as a teenager, Robinson had formed a deep attachment to a volume of Edgar Allan

Poe's *Tales of Mystery and Imagination* with illustrations by Harry Clarke. Robinson also spoke of going to see German expressionist films at MoMA. "For the first time, I had an explanation for what I'd seen all along," Couch says.

The book includes more than 100 of Robinson's illustrations. Early on, before anyone thought of their potential historical significance, Robinson made a habit of retrieving his original art from printers and holding on to it. Many other artists' work is lost forever.

Post-*Batman*, Robinson created comic book heroes Atom and London, and then moved on to editorial cartoons, illustrations for children's books such as *A Maxton Book About Atomic Energy*, and the comic strip *True Classroom Flubs and Fluffs*. In 1974 he wrote *The Comics*. Couch considers it the definitive history of newspaper comic strips.

While he maintains his scholarly interests in Native American and pre-Columbian art, "comics is No. 1 now," Couch says. "I don't have any trouble with the idea of legitimizing comics. I've devoted much of my life to that."

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Ambassadors, The Golden Bowl and The Outcry (Library of America, \$40).

Immanuel Wallerstein and the Problem of the World: System, Scale, Culture edited by David Palumbo-Liu; Bruce W. Robbins, the

Old Dominion Foundation Professor in the Humanities; and Nirvana Tanoukhi. Top cultural theorists examine Wallerstein's world-systems analysis, which explains why the West is able to exploit the rest of the world (Duke University Press, \$23.95).

A Behavioral Theory of Elections by Jonathan Bendor, Daniel Diermeier, David A. Siegel and Michael M. Ting, associate professor of political science and public affairs. Using computational models and data on elections, the authors contend that politicians and voters are

only boundedly rational, and they examine the effects on party competition, voter turnout and voters' choices of candidates (Princeton University Press, \$29.95).

Samantha Jean-Baptiste '13



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Arthur W. Seligmann Jr., physician, New York City, on June 6, 2010. Born on June 16, 1912, Seligmann graduated from Cornell University Medical College, where he was on staff for many years as associate professor of medicine. He also maintained a large private practice in internal medicine. During WWII, Seligmann served in the Navy as a lieutenant commander in the South Pacific. He was predeceased by his wife, Elizabeth Simon Seligmann, and is survived by his companion, Jane Mayer Field; daughters, Mary Ascheim and her husband, Robert, and Jean; three grandchildren and their spouses; eight great-grandchildren; sister, Jean Seligmann Levine; sister-in-law, Ursula Seligmann; and 14 nephews and nieces.

1940

Seth G. Neugroschl, computer and technology expert, New York City, on November 4, 2010. Neugroschl entered with the Class of 1940 and earned a B.S. in industrial engineering and operations research in 1941 from Engineering. He was a former IBMer and leader of the "Computer, Man and Society" University Seminar at Columbia. Neugroschl was devoted to the betterment of humanity through the use of tools to improve global networking and to increase tolerance and understanding through the use of computers and other media. He was a pioneering thought leader in the effort to understand from a systems viewpoint the impact of computers on human society, planet Earth and beyond. Neugroschl received the Tannenbaum-Warner Award for distinguished scholarship and great service to the University Seminar Movement and was the Class of 1940 Class Notes correspondent from 1990 until shortly before his death. He is survived by his wife, Geraldine; daughter, Judith Neugroschl-Melnick and her husband, Ari; and two grandchildren.

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Franklin J. Tobey II, retired Army lieutenant colonel, editor, Purcellville, Va., on May 6, 2010. Born in Newark, N.J., on February 22,



Franklin J. Tobey II '42

1919, Tobey had an early interest in natural history, was an Eagle Scout and was assistant to the doctor at Camp Mohican. He served in WWII as a Medical Corps motor-transport officer in Europe and married Marie Carolyn Wiederspahn in 1946. Tobey earned an M.A. in economics in 1947 from CSAS. He and his wife moved to Washington, D.C., where he wrote for the magazine *Public Utilities Fortnightly*, then worked at the Atomic Energy Commission (Energy Department). He was the editor of the *Annual Report to Congress*. Tobey was a merit badge counselor in mineralogy, atomic energy and herpetology; co-founded the Virginia Herpetological Society; and in 1985 published a survey of Virginia's reptiles and amphibians. He wrote for *Collier's Encyclopedia Year Book* and was a member of the National Press Club. After retirement, Tobey wrote, traveled and was a member of the Franklin-Ogdenburg Mineralogical Society and the Rock and Mineral Club of Lower Bucks County. He is survived by his children, Carolyn Tobey Berardesco, Franklin III and Alix Tobey Southwick; six grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and a brother, John.

1943

Warren W. Eason, professor and musician, Columbus, Ohio, on March 22, 2010. Eason was born in Mt. Vernon, N.Y., on October 6, 1921. At a young age he showed talent for the French horn, studying at Juilliard and playing with the Columbia University Band at 15. In 1940, he was chosen for the All American Youth Orchestra, the

109 finest young musicians in the country. Eason learned to fly in a Stearman and SNJ and served in the Coast Guard Reserve as a musician first class. He earned an economics certificate and Ph.D. in 1951 and 1959 from SIPA and CSAS, respectively. Eason's academic career in Soviet economics spanned the Cold War to the end of the Soviet Union, taking him to the U.S.S.R. nine times. A professor at The Ohio State University from 1968-2003, he also taught at Syracuse, Princeton and Johns Hopkins. Eason became the inspiration for a home in Clintonville for people living with memory loss, Eason House. He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Jeanne (Fox); daughters, Katherine Power and Barbara Himes; two grandchildren; and a godson. Memorial donations may be made to WOSU or the Alzheimer's Association.

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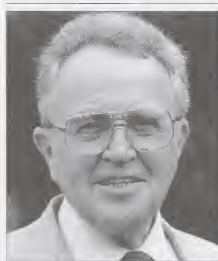
William V. Beshlian, physician, Glen Rock, N.J., on April 24, 2010. Born in Turkey, Beshlian was raised in Paterson, N.J., and settled in Glen Rock 56 years ago. He was a 1946 graduate of New York College of Medicine, and after serving with the Army Medical Corps began his residency at St. Joseph's Regional Hospital Medical Center in Paterson. Beshlian had a distinguished career with St. Joseph's that spanned 52 years. He received the hospital's Distinguished Service Award and the 1991 Alumni Award, and also received the 100 Years' Service Award for father and son, H.K. Beshlian and W.V. Beshlian. Beshlian was a world traveler and loved tennis, cooking and jazz. He is survived by his wife, Doris (Mabey); son, Paul, and his wife, Deborah Ann; daughter, Lisa; two grandchildren; and sister, Anne Kazaros. Memorial contributions may be made to Doctors Without Borders or the Glen Rock Ambulance Corps.

1945

Howard H. Bess Jr., surgeon, Denver, on May 2, 2010. Born December 5, 1924, in San Diego, Bess was raised in the Bronx and attended the Bronx H.S. of Science. He earned a degree in 1948 from P&S. During

WWII, Bess was stationed in Lubbock, Texas, where he served in the Army Air Corps. He was honorably discharged with the rank of captain. Bess served his surgical residency at St. Luke's Hospital in Denver and was on the staffs of St. Luke's, St. Joseph's, St. Anthony's, Porter Adventist, Littleton Adventist and Swedish hospitals. He was a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons, member of the Colorado Medical Society, member of the Denver Medical Review Group, member of Phi Gamma Delta and 46-year member of the Denver Athletic Club. Bess was an avid outdoorsman with a love for fly-fishing and back-country escapes. He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Helen; sons, Robert, Charles, John, Daniel and Michael, and their wives; daughters, Lynne and Laura Ann; 22 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. Memorial contributions may be made to Alzheimer's Association of Colorado, 455 Sherman St., Ste 500, Denver, CO 80203.

1948



John W. Gould '48

John W. Gould, retired professor, Santa Monica, Calif., January 26, 2010. Gould was born on March 19, 1922, in Brooklyn, N.Y. He attended Boy's H.S., where he edited the *Boy's High Weekly* and was class president his senior year. He served in the 125th Engineer Combat Battalion from 1943-46 and was in General George Patton's Army during the Battle of the Bulge. Gould earned an M.A. in English and comparative literature in 1949 and a Ph.D. in education in 1962, both from CSAS. His career was in education. He taught at Stony Brook School for

Boys from 1949–1954. From 1955–60, Gould worked in administration at CW Post College Long Island University, Columbia and Lafayette. He taught at USC's School of Business from 1961 until he retired in 1987. Could traveled widely in the United States, Europe and Asia, consulting for many corporations and teaching business communication in a number of Pacific Rim countries. In 1991, he was reunited with his Army Battalion and attended 17 of their annual reunions. Gould was very involved in church activities. He is survived by his wife since 1949, Olwen (Stafford); children, Heather, William, David, Elizabeth and Carolyn; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Henry H. McDonald, retired ophthalmologist, Pasadena, Calif., on April 9, 2010. McDonald was born on July 27, 1923, attended Stuyvesant Math and Science H.S. and enlisted in the Air Force at 19. He served as a navigator in the European Theater of Operations throughout WWII. As a first lieutenant, he received the Bronze Star, flying 35 missions in the B-24 Bomber, and later 25 missions in the Royal Air Force "mosquito" plane. Following WWII, McDonald returned to New York, graduated from Columbia, earned a medical degree from NYU and completed a residency in ophthalmology there and at Harvard. In 1952, he married Dorothy Dieckhoff and in 1957 began his practice in Pasadena. He was on the staff of the Huntington Memorial Hospital for 40 years. McDonald was an early advocate

of small wound incision cataract surgery, the way all cataract surgery is done today. Throughout his career, and following his 1997 retirement, McDonald was active in the creation and development of ophthalmic and surgical instrumentation. He loved drawing, painting, chess and playing piano. McDonald is survived by his wife; children, Henry, Robert and Robyn; and six grandchildren. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association.

1949

Kenneth F. Hadermann, retired teacher and school administrator, Lake Wylie, S.C., on April 25, 2010. Born in New York City, Hadermann enlisted in the Army Air Corps in WWII and was a member of the American Legion. He earned a master's from Teachers College and was a member of Sigma Nu Fraternity. Hadermann was a teacher and school administrator in four states. In 1976, he relocated with his family to Berlin, Germany, where he was the principal of the John F. Kennedy School until his retirement to North Carolina in 1986. A volunteer Boy Scout leader for more than 50 years, he received the District Award of Merit and the Silver Beaver. As a member of the Order of the Arrow, a Boy Scout honor camper's society, Hadermann became a Vigil member and received the Founders Award. After his retirement, he continued to serve youth as a Guardian ad Litem. Hadermann is survived by his wife, Hannelore; daughter, Karena, and her husband, Jeff; son, Kurt, and his wife, Elizabeth; and one grandson. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association.

1956

Paul I. "Ivy" Bartholet, controller, Stonington, Conn., on May 20, 2010. Born in 1933, Bartholet attended St. Bernard's School in NYC through eighth grade, later attending Pomfret School in Connecticut, where he captained the baseball and hockey teams. He earned a B.A. in economics, and he and his brother, Chauncey '56, were doubles partners on Columbia's tennis team. Bartholet's first job out of college was with Metal and Thermit Corp. in New Jersey, where he was an accountant. He took night courses at Rutgers and was hired by IBM in 1961. Bartholet rose through the ranks during nearly three decades with the company, working as controller

for three major corporate divisions, overseeing budgets and streamlining accounting systems. The family spent summers in Stonington, where Bartholet won nine men's singles titles at the Wadawanuck Club. Divorced in 1983, he married Anne Baker Schwartz in 1985. Bartholet was involved in community activities and was an avid golfer. He is survived by his wife; children, Jeffrey, Frederick, and Carolyn; Van; stepchildren, Robert Schwartz, Joan O'Neill, Marianne O'Hearn and David Schwartz; nine grandchildren; brother; and sister, Elizabeth. Memorial contributions may be made to Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center or to the Stonington Community Center.

1958

James R. Meyers, civil rights activist and retired librarian, Ithaca, N.Y., on April 15, 2010. Meyers was born on August 9, 1936, in Detroit. His family soon moved to Pittsburgh, where Meyers attended St. Basil's Catholic School for 12 years and initially wanted to become a priest. While at Columbia, he met Francis Joan Gilen, who became his wife. The couple later moved to South Bend, Ind., where Meyers worked for many years as the film librarian at the South Bend Public Library as well as devoting his passions and extra time to helping to end the Vietnam War and taking part in the countercultural '60s revolution. In 1996, Meyers retired and moved to Albuquerque, where he lived until 2005 when he moved to Ithaca, N.Y., to be near his family. His passions included spiritual pursuits such as Dances of Universal Peace, reincarnation, the Unity Church, meditation, yoga, music, prayer, television, Transactional Analysis, astrology and co-counseling. Meyers is survived by his sons, Pete, and his partner, Mary Loehr, and David; and one grandson.

1960

Norman H. Nordlund, pilot, Brookfield, Conn., on April 28, 2010. Nordlund was born in Porvoo, Finland, on October 27, 1938, and grew up in Hastings, N.Y. After Columbia, where he earned a B.A. in economics, he was commissioned an ensign in the Naval Reserve through the NROTC Program. Nordlund became a naval aviator, flying the Douglas Skyraider AD1. He served on the aircraft carriers *USS Independence*, *USS Saratoga* and the *USS*

Forestal from 1961–65. From 1965–67, he served as a flight instructor in Pensacola, Fla., instructing student naval aviators in carrier landings. After leaving the Navy in 1967, Nordlund began working for TWA, a career that lasted 31 years flying various aircraft including the 707, 727, L1011 and the 747. He was an avid fisherman and loved deep sea fishing. Nordlund is survived by his wife of 48 years, Denise; daughter, Carolyn Montero, and her husband Bill; sons, Michael and his wife Jennifer, and Karl and his wife, Nicole; and five grandchildren. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

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George W. "Bud" Goth, retired professor, Berkeley, Calif., on November 28, 2009. Goth was born on June 23, 1943, on Long Island and earned a B.S. in chemistry. After Columbia, he moved to California and earned a Ph.D. in nuclear chemistry in 1973 from UC Berkeley and did post-doctoral work at Washington University in St. Louis. Goth returned to Berkeley, where he contributed to the grassroots newspaper of Berkeley Citizens Action during the late 1970s and '80s. He taught chemistry part-time at the College of San Mateo in 1975 and then full-time at Skyline College in 1980. Goth founded and edited *The Advocate*, a union newsletter for the American Federation of Teachers, Local 1943. He retired in 2006. He was an avid theatergoer and was active in film and book clubs, attending readings and serving on the Board of the Berkeley City Club for six years. Goth is survived by his aunt and uncle, Elizabeth and James Sharmay; and 11 cousins. Memorial contributions may be made to the San Mateo County Community Colleges Foundation, memo line: The George Goth Science Scholarship.

1968

Melvin L. Dennis, architect, expeditor and photography gallery curator, New York City, on June 13, 2010. Dennis was born in Portland, Ore., and grew up on the Oregon coast. He earned a B.A. in art history, did advanced art history studies at NYU and earned a B.Arch. from the Cooper Union in 1977. Dennis worked for several architecture firms in New York, including Panassella & Klein, and the New York Public Library, and was later a building expeditor.

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He was a co-founder and curator for the Puchong Gallery, which championed avant-garde photographers in the 1980s and 1990s. An active civic leader, Dennis was president of the Waterside Tenants Association and was a member of the New York County Democratic Committee and the Tilden Democratic Club, and a regular attendee at the Sixteenth Street Friends Meeting. He is survived by his brother, Everette; and four sisters.

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Dennis E. Milton, judge, New York City, on May 31, 2010. Milton was born in 1951 on Staten Island, N.Y. He attended Regis H.S. and Fordham Law. Milton, a United States bankruptcy judge in the Eastern District of New York, was appointed in 2001. He is survived by his wife, Karen Greve Milton. Memorial contributions may be made to Regis H.S. in New York City.

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Charles G. "Grant" Fulk, plumbing business co-owner, Menlo Park, Calif., on June 14, 2010. Fulk graduated from Sequoia H.S., where he was active in the drama program, and earned a B.A. in English. He was co-owner of Dittmann Plumbing in San Mateo and is survived by his parents, Earl and Elizabeth; aunts, Ruth Morelock and Grace Phair; uncle, Jack Fulk; and a number of cousins. Memorial contributions may be made to Menlo Park Host Lions Club, "Menlo Park Project Read."

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William F. Evans, investment banker and musician, New York City, on July 10, 2010. Evans was born in Towson, Md. He earned an M.A. in mathematics from Penn. During his school years, Evans played bass in both performance and recording with several jazz and fusion bands. After graduate school, he embarked on a 23-year career in the financial services industry, specializing in modeling and structuring complex tax-exempt mortgage revenue bond transactions for state housing finance agencies throughout the country for the purpose of financing affordable housing programs. Evans is survived by his former spouse, Laura; children, Katherine and Philip; parents, Bernard and Estelle; and brother, Robert.

Lisa Palladino



OTHER DEATHS REPORTED

Columbia College Today also has learned of the following deaths. Complete obituaries will be published in an upcoming issue, pending receipt of information. Due to the volume of obituaries that CCT receives, it may take several issues for the complete obituary to appear.

- 1926** S. Delvalle Goldsmith, Patterson, N.Y., on February 18, 2011.
- 1929** Eric C. Lambart, retired rear admiral, Jacksonville, Fla., on February 17, 2011.
- 1938** Wells S. Brimhall, retired banking executive, Provo, Utah, on March 10, 2011.
- 1940** Harold J. Lehmus, retired physician, Coventry, Conn., on February 17, 2011.
- Stanley L. Temko, retired attorney, Washington, D.C., on March 7, 2011.
- Edmund W. White, retired chemical engineer, Silver Spring, Md., on March 5, 2011.
- 1941** William H. Goldwater, retired research director, Bethesda, Md., on February 23, 2011.
- 1942** John B. Kelly, Scottsdale, Ariz., on December 27, 2010.
- 1943** John G. Pappas, retired physicist and chemist, New York City, on March 4, 2011.
- 1944** Donald P. Mitchell, retired business executive, Portland, Ore., on January 11, 2011.
- 1945** Charles E. Silberman, Sarasota, Fla., on February 5, 2011.
- 1946** Marvin L. Aronson, psychotherapist, Mount Vernon, N.Y., on February 27, 2011.
- 1947** Edmund J. Guilhempe, Brooklyn, N.Y., on January 17, 2008.
- 1949** Arthur W. Mehmel Jr., insurance executive, West Hartford, Conn., on March 2, 2011.
- 1951** Jeremy Gaige, newspaperman and chess archivist, Philadelphia, on February 19, 2011.
- Brian K. Langworthy, organist and music instructor, Marietta, Ga., on March 2, 2011.
- James W. Lister, New York City, on April 27, 2008.
- 1953** Alan Macnow, public relations, marketing and market research executive, New York City, on December 25, 2010.
- 1955** Herman C. Okean, Huntington, N.Y., on January 30, 2011.
- Arnold J. Schwartz, radiologist, Stamford, Conn., on March 8, 2011.
- 1956** Arnold D. Bucove, physician and medical director, Poughkeepsie, N.Y., on January 10, 2011.
- 1957** George Broderick, Ocala, Fla., on December 7, 2010.
- Herbert L. Winans, retired corporate benefits executive, Lexington, Va., on March 20, 2011.
- 1958** William W. Bartlett, retired financial executive, Chappaqua, N.Y., on March 25, 2011.
- 1959** Douglas P. Dunbar Jr., retired Navy captain, Tampa, Fla., on March 3, 2011.
- 1960** Jerome H. Cantor, psychologist and financial adviser, Brooklyn, N.Y., on December 15, 2010.
- John M. Radbill, Albuquerque, N.M., on August 7, 2010.
- 1964** Brian Safer, biochemist and researcher, Adelphi, Md., on February 6, 2011.
- Christopher Trumbo, film and television writer, Ojai, Calif., on January 8, 2011.
- 1966** Frederic Neuburger, certified financial planner and tax practitioner, Syracuse, N.Y., on February 19, 2011.
- 1967** William M. Crouch Jr., cartoonist and comic arts writer, Fairfield, Conn., on February 21, 2011.
- Steven D. Wexler, former carpenter; writer and teacher, Tijeras, N.M., on December 20, 2010.
- 1988** Nancy E. McAdoo, communications/knowledge exchange content manager, Medford, Mass., on January 15, 2011.

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Howard N. Meyer '34, '36L, a retired New York lawyer and two-time Pulitzer Prize-nominated author, discussed challenges of immigration and civil rights in terms of the 14th Amendment. A product of the Civil War, the amendment made citizens equal before the law.

Howard has written more than 70 articles and books, and in his Pulitzer Prize-nominated book from 1973, *The Amendment that Refused to Die: Equality and Justice Deferred: A History of the Fourteenth Amendment*, he reflects on the beginnings and current significance of the amendment. Howard believes that because of new developments in the Arizona U.S. Senators' attempts to repeal the 14th Amendment, more specifically the effects the repeal would have on the children of Mexican nationals because their entrance into the country was not in accordance with the law, the nation will eliminate the rights of people, and people will begin to forget the importance of equality and justice values.

Reading books such as Thomas Wentworth Higginson's *Army Life in a Black Regiment* opened Howard's eyes to the contributions of minorities such as women, African-Americans and other groups that have been omitted from textbooks in American history. Howard's most recent book, *The World Court in Action: Judging Among the Nations*, was published in 2002 and also was nominated for the Pulitzer Prize. In it, he writes about the International Court of Justice and international law.

Howard moved to Bolinas, Calif., in 2009 to be closer to his sons, Jon-

athon and Franklin. He continues to follow current events about justice and equality nationally and internationally.

David Perlman '39, '40 writes, "At 92, I'm still science editor of the *San Francisco Chronicle*, covering everything except medicine—anthropology, seismic goings-on, cosmic universes, planets and so on." [Editor's note: CCT profiled Perlman in November/December 2009: college.columbia.edu/cct/nov_dec09.]

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Sad to report that **Joe Coffee**, one of our most outstanding class members, passed away in January shortly after his 92nd birthday. Joe was our class president; voted most likely to succeed; a member of student board; a regular attendee, with his wife, Margaret, at our annual Arden House reunions; and a good friend. After graduation, he joined the Navy and served on the President's staff, was executive officer on a destroyer escort that was sunk and then commanding officer of another destroyer escort. He was assistant to the president of Columbia and on its Board of Trustees. Joe was president of Eisenhower College and was the patriarch of a large and loving family. A memorial service was held at Columbia on April 28. [See March/April Obituaries.]

On a happier note, I spent Christmas week in Costa Rica with Fran Katz's family, where I zip-lined, white water rafted, kayaked and hiked in the rainforest, including five bouncing suspension bridges. In February I took my family of 26, including 12 great-grandchildren, to Club Med in Ixtapa, Mexico.

Ken Hechler '40 GSAS, my last instructor in college, stayed at my house for two nights and lectured on April 8 at the Roslyn Library and then at C.W. Post (LIU). He wrote the book (also was a movie) *The Bridge at Remagen* and many other publications, was a colonel in the army, a long-term (and still) college professor and was President Truman's speechwriter and adviser. He was a congressman for 18 years, secretary of state in West Virginia, and still lectures and writes.

Let me know what you are doing.

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On January 14, *The New York Times* obituary section carried a memorial tribute to **Franklin Gerald Bishop '43E**, who died on January 14, 1996. Gerry's widow, Evelyn, has faithfully published this annual tribute to Gerry since he succumbed to his final illness 15 years ago. This writer met Gerry at a freshman beer party in September 1938 in John Jay Hall, where we gathered around a piano to sing raunchy limericks and *Roar, Lion, Roar*. Gerry later became a good friend. He was a brilliant mathematician and engineer. He had a successful career as an engineer and management consultant, and finally as CEO and president of Matrix Corp. At our Homecoming football game in 1995, Gerry came up to the Remmer-Maniatty Alumni Lounge above Wien Stadium in his wheelchair to watch the game and visit with classmates. He already was very ill but perfectly alert and able to converse with us. That was the last time I saw him. At Columbia, Gerry was Dean's Day chairman, and a generous financial supporter of the College, a tradition that Evelyn has continued through the years. We join Evelyn in remembering Gerry's impressive professional accomplishments and his lifelong devotion to Columbia.

The New York Times of January 24 reported the death of **Clarence Eich '43E** on January 8. After WWII service in the Navy, he was a mechanical engineer at Combustion Engineering. In 1962, Clarence joined the Foster Wheeler Corp., where he was issued several patents for new designs and products for power generation and rose to the position of e.v.p. before his retirement in 1984. At Columbia, Clarence was an active and widely respected classmate. He was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, the Glee Club, the Van Am Society and the Debate Council. He earned silver and gold crowns, and was elected to Nacoms. He attended all of our significant landmark reunions and our Homecoming games at Wien Stadium. After his retirement, Clarence traveled widely with his wife, Ellen, enjoyed his golf games and was a skilled gardener. He won awards for his flowers and developed several new varieties of gesneriads. In 2001, Clarence was named Volunteer of the Year by the State of New Jersey Division of Parks

and Forestry for his work on behalf of the Canal Society. He is survived by his wife; children, Mary, Robert and Claire; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. We mourn the loss of such a distinguished classmate, and we extend our condolences to his family.

The annual Dean's Scholarship Reception, honoring donors to named scholarships, was held in Alfred Lerner Hall on February 3. Two of the finest members of our Great Class of 1942 are honored in perpetuity by memorial scholarships: **Charles F. "Chic" Hoelzer Jr.** and **Dr. Herbert Mark**. The Hoelzer memorial scholarship was established in 1978, the year of his untimely death, by this correspondent and **Chic's** widow, the late Dorothy. The Mark memorial scholarship was established by Herb's widow, **Avra '45 Barnard**; his sons, Peter, Tom and Jeremy; his cousin, Reuben Mark; and this correspondent after Herb's death in 2006. In 1939-40, Herb was my Livingston Hall roommate, and thanks to Columbia, became my friend for 67 years. I encourage classmates who remember Chic and Herb to contribute to their memorial scholarship funds. Please contact the Columbia College Fund's Eleanor L. Coufos '03, director of annual giving programs, at 212-851-7483 for further information.

I was sad to receive notice from our Alumni Office on February 19 that **Werner Rahmlow** died in Camden, Maine, on January 3. In April 2009, Werner sent me a long autobiographical letter from his winter residence in Lady Lake, Fla., including reminiscences about his years at Columbia. Like Columbia's most generous financial supporter, the late John W. Kluge '37, Werner was born in Germany; he emigrated to the United States in 1932 and became a U.S. citizen in 1942. He settled in Leonia, N.J., where he attended the local high school. Werner's high school principal took him to the Columbia campus for a personal visit (could that ever happen today?), and Werner was eventually admitted with a full scholarship to study engineering. He commuted to the campus by trolley, 125th Street ferry, subway and on foot for three hours daily, five or six days each week, and still found the time to train and run for Columbia under track coach "Canny Carl" Mermer (Werner had been an undefeated half-miler in high school). With his demanding engineering studies and long com-

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mutes, Werner said he could not keep up with the required readings for Humanities and Contemporary Civilization, and despite the inspiration from professors Weaver, Luckie and Baumeister, he "lost interest in college." He also lost his scholarship and had to find part-time work to pay his tuition of \$200 a semester. After finishing three years at Columbia, Werner was about to be drafted and enlisted in the Navy. He served for four years as a Navy pilot during WWII and then returned to Columbia, where his fourth year was paid for by the G.I. Bill. As he said, "I could finally afford a K&E Slide Rule." His sense of humor had remained intact.

After graduation, Werner went to work for the Bendix Corp. in New Jersey as a versatile mechanical, electrical, chemical and civil engineer, and eventually a management executive. He lived in Westwood, N.J., and enjoyed golf, bowling and playing bridge. He invented and held a patent for a centrifuge that developed 800 Gs in 15 seconds, and stayed at Bendix for 34 years until his retirement, when he moved to Rockland, Maine, while spending winters in Florida. His first wife, Virginia, mother of his three children, died in 1987. All of the children, Richard, Carol and Donald, were college graduates, but none, regrettably, from Columbia. In 1992, Werner remarried and enjoyed life with his second wife, Louise, and attended our 50th reunion at Arden House, where he commented that he had enjoyed our notable 16-13 football victory over Princeton in 1988, which ended our 44-game losing streak. Werner closed his letter by expressing his devotion to Columbia ("Good Old Roar, Lion, Roar," he said) and speculated that many of our classmates must be approaching 90. He was accurate in that observation. As I write this, Dr. Gerald Klingon, Stewart McIvennan, Bob Kaufman and Dr. Arthur Wellington all have celebrated their 90th birthdays. Werner was born in Germany on January 13, 1920, so he was 10 days short of his 91st birthday when he died. He had already become a distinguished member of our Class of 1942 Nonagenarian Club. He is survived by his wife, Louise; his children; three grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. We salute Werner's unusual life and loyalty to Columbia, and we send condolences to all members of his family.

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Kind regards and good wishes to all classmates. I welcome news from you. Long may Columbia stand!

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Do you run into unusual or noteworthy Columbia ties in your reading? I do; send me yours. Here are some recent ones of mine. John Parke Custis enrolled in King's College in 1773 but did not return for a second year. He was the child of Martha Custis Washington, by her first husband, and became the stepson of George Washington. J.P. Custis' son was no better a scholar. He matriculated at the College of New Jersey (later Princeton) but was expelled for reasons related to decorum. He later dropped out of St. John's College in Annapolis.

Another two: There were professional athletes in Columbia history in addition to the great Lou Gehrig '23. One was Eddie Collins (Class of 1907), quarterback on the Columbia football team and a star baseball player. He went on to play on major league teams, including the Philadelphia Athletics, and was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame. Collins is considered by many to be the greatest second baseman of all time. Brooklyn-born Sid Luckman '39 was another. The star quarterback played for the Chicago Bears from 1939-50 and was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

My wife, Audrey, and I have several trips scheduled for this year. They include a lecture at a meeting in Amsterdam. We'll take the opportunity to go to the British War Cemetery in Sittard, The Netherlands, where Audrey's brother Pat is buried with all of his tank crew. They were killed in the battle for Geilenkirchen, Germany, in November 1944. I think I have located the spot where his tank was destroyed, just over the Dutch border, and we'll try to find it.

Sad news: Walter J. Sassano died in West Harrison, N.Y., on December 28. He was 89. He enlisted in the Army in 1942 while a student at Columbia and was discharged as a captain four years later. He then became active in the American Legion and other community organizations.

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Friends, please take a moment to send me information about your lives. I assure you that all your

classmates, as well as other alumni, want to hear about what you are doing.

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Dr. Stanley Braham retired from a Park Avenue practice of urology about 20 years ago and still lives in Manhattan. He was divorced about 20 years ago and has three children scattered about, all doing wonderful things. He has a son in the Silicon Valley finance business and wonders if that wasn't a better choice than medicine. Stanley has many health issues, including an aortic aneurysm and a bad valve, which he has opted to live with, and so far so good. After he stopped practicing medicine, Stanley spent much of his time golfing. He belonged to a club in Bermuda and had a house in Florida near a golf course. He is, as lots of us say these days, "doing as well as can be expected," but he mourns the inability to play golf.

Dr. Arnold Modell is "semi-retired," still active in the Boston Psychoanalytic Society and Institute, and (remarkably for those our age) he is in good health. His most recent paper, "Not Even Wrong," will be appearing in *Psychoanalytic Inquiry* within the next few months, as the galley has been returned. In it, he discusses the difficulty psychoanalysts have in talking to each other.

Dr. John Peck '47 P&S is another psychoanalyst who is healthy and semi-retired in that he maintains contact with the Los Angeles Psychoanalytic Institute and Society for Psychoanalytic Studies but no longer sees patients. At this stage in his life, he prefers to lie on a beach in front of his house and read (the hard life in Southern California!).

Dr. Gordon Mathes '48 P&S lives in The Trezvant Episcopal Home, 177 North Highland St., Apt. 4111, Memphis, TN 38111. He retired 20 years ago and moved into the retirement home six months ago. He has been golfing since retirement and played nine holes on February 14!

Dr. Melvin Grumbach '48 P&S signed up to be a naval officer just after Pearl Harbor, returned to the College and then went on to P&S. Following an enviable period of training and academic service, in 1965 he became professor and chairman of pediatrics at UCSF, president of the Endocrine Society in 1981 and was elected fellow of the U.S. Academy of Arts and Science in 1983. I have a 52-page CV, an interview with him as past president of the Endocrine Society and a URL for the Wikipedia article about Mel (en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Melvin_

M. Grumbach).

His pediatric endocrine group has addressed in a broad perspective the following: hormonal effects on growth and maturation, the developing brain and the endocrine system, the ontogeny of the human and ovine hypothalamic-pituitary apparatus, genes, fetal hormones, the origin of the Barr body, the ontogeny of human sex determination and differentiation, aromatase deficiency due to mutations in the gene encoding P450 aromatase and the biologic role of estrogen in the male as well as in the female.

This last topic concerns the critical role of estradiol in the pubertal growth spurt and skeletal maturation in the male, as in the female, and the previously poorly characterized effects of estradiol in the male on glucose and insulin metabolism, lipid metabolism, bone mineral accretion and the maintenance of bone mass. In addition, aromatase deficiency suggests endogenous fetal estrogens synthesized by the conceptus are not an important factor in the differentiation of the female genital tract or the maintenance of pregnancy. Endogenous estradiol does not even have a critical effect on psychosexual development or sex differentiation of the human brain. The aromatase deficiency story is an illustration of Louis Pasteur's insight: "Origin of scientific creativity: To know when to be astonished."

Mel says his studies on aromatase deficiency also illustrate the critical role of collaboration.

The CCT staff just notified me of the deaths of Dr. Don Johnson and Carter Colombe. Obituaries will appear in a future issue.

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Roar, CC '46, roar. The celebration of our 65th anniversary reunion, Thursday, June 2-Sunday, June 5, will indeed be memorable.

Our return to campus includes a lecture at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, June 4 (choose from five possibilities), to which all reunion classes are invited.

The setting for Saturday's class reunion luncheon will be high in Butler Library (you may remember it as South Hall) with dramatic views of the campus and Low Library.

At noon, we will gather for a

cocktail reception, meeting and greeting to the music of a live ensemble. Lunch will follow with welcoming remarks from Dean of Academic Affairs Kathryn Yatrakis. Dean Yatrakis continues a tradition that began with our 55th, took place again at our 60th and now will take place at the 65th. She recently told me how much she enjoyed meeting and getting to know so many of the class through the years.

Richard Heffner has hosted PBS' *The Open Mind* for 55 years. Dick's guests have included Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., William Buckley, Elie Wiesel, Malcolm X, Betty Friedan, Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall, Arthur Schlesinger and Benjamin Spock, and the list goes on and on. Of his program, *The New York Times* said it is easier to list those of importance who have not come under Dick's microscope than those notables who have.

For the celebration of our 65th, Dick invited Dean Michele Moody-Adams to appear on his program. She enthusiastically accepted, and we will preview the taped program followed by a Q&A, to which the dean graciously agreed.

Enjoy the comradeship, reminiscence, catch up, share a few giggles. Bring wives and friends. Celebrate the Columbia experience. Do not miss this moment. You can celebrate the 65th anniversary only once.

Details about reserving your places at the reunion luncheon are in the mail. You also can register online: alumni.college.columbia.edu/reunion.

Lawrence Jukofsky authored *The Final Victory*, available at Barnes & Noble and on Amazon.com. A building site in Poland reveals a mass grave. One of the bodies is well preserved and is sent for a shrine to a temple on a barrier island, where this Jewish victim of the Holocaust takes his revenge on anti-Semites and ex-Nazis. Larry writes: "I am a bit old to be doing this sort of thing but boredom in the aged must be common. I have started a sequel plus a coming-of-age novel, much based on my beginnings as a V-12er in Livingston Hall and with encouragement from Dr. Knobbe years ago. I recall his last bit of advice, 'Learn to spell!'"

Larry would appreciate hearing from anyone who lived on the seventh deck (floor) and would love to have pictures of V-12ers who shared the deck.

Larry, from what I know about the men in our class, boredom is not in their psyche.

Paul Rotondi, who lives in Lakewood, N.J., responded to my December letter. His Columbia days were interrupted by Uncle Sam's call, and he spent three years as an

Air Force bombardier. Paul said: "I enjoyed a wonderful career as a businessman and CEO of a bank in New Jersey."

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The Class of '47 is looking for a class correspondent to write a bimonthly column for *Columbia College Today*. If you want an open platform and a chance to reconnect with classmates, please contact Associate Editor Ethan Rouen '04, '11 Business at ecr2102@columbia.edu. Until then, please send notes about your life, travel, family and experiences at Columbia to the postal or e-mail address at the top of the column.

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Robert M. Berk remains active in the medical profession along with his wife. He is known as a consummate homebody — in his words, "I have traveled not at all." He is proud of that achievement. He has two children and a couple of grandchildren and says that he is very happy.

Arthur E. Bradley also still is in the medical profession. He continues to be involved in chemistry and consults in the field of nutrition. Arthur says that there is an emphasis these days on polyphenols (antioxidants), agricultural and food processing wastes. He is quite active in the field and still performs experiments. He discovered that if one washes pecan fragments and leaves the fragments overnight in a concentrated ammonium hydroxide solution, the liquid turns black. It will be interesting trying to figure out what is happening there.

Charles D. Cole retired in 2007. He has moved to his present location, Bristol Village (bristolvillage.org), and now has an on-site doctor's office in a medical building. Charles is a counselor-labor relations and is a member of the America Newspaper Publishers Association. Bristol Village has a modern activity center with walking track, pool, library, café, fitness center, woodshop and more.

Frank I. Marcus is yet another person in the medical field who should receive our congratulations, having been chosen to receive the prestigious Heart Rhythm Society's Pioneer in Cardiac Pacing and Electrophysiology Award.

Angelo DiMartino remembers well that he got a very good educa-

tion at Columbia. In fact, the tradition has continued, as his son also went to Columbia. His son also had Professor Charles Dawson 26 years after his father. Professor Dawson was able to retrieve his father's grades in his class. Angelo did not stray far from New York. He spent most of his life after Columbia in Nassau County at the end of a canal that empties into Great South Bay.

Paul R. Homer remembers well the ROTC and V-12 programs being active on campus. He recalls that the student body consisted of both a military and a civilian body. He served in the military so was delayed in getting back to Columbia, which resulted in him becoming a part of the Class of 1948 instead of 1947. Happily, he considers the school a great institution, which, according to him, is getting greater each year. He remembers fondly Professor William C. Casey and Professor Dwight Miner '26, '40 CSAs and enjoyed classes with both of them, especially Casey and his famous course, which became known as "Caseology."

Dr. George Dermksian, after graduating from medical school, joined St. Luke's Hospital and became professor chairman of its archives. He has two sons and has been a number of Dean's Days.

Gerald Weissmann '50 is director of the Biotechnology Study Center and research professor of medicine at NYU.

This fact calls this writer's attention to the fact that get-togethers such as Dean's Day and reunions are sparsely attended by members of the Class of 1948. The combination of a military segment and a civilian segment at that time resulted in poorly attended class functions, something we can change. This year's Dean's Day will be held on Saturday, June 4 (college.columbia.edu/alumni/events/deansday).

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Writing in the extreme cold of a winter's day, the sun gives promise of the warm spring to come. Reading this, we hope it has arrived for you all.

First, allow me a personal note: My brother Bertram Sussman '47, who was his class' correspondent for two years, has withdrawn. I must admit to being jealous of the extraordinary success he had in attracting submissions from his classmates. Our class is just as happy to hear



What could be more fun than a week in Mexico? A week in Mexico with an old college buddy. In February, Irving Kushner '50 (left) headed south of the border to spend time with Ted Reid '50.

from you as was his. So, let's hear from you all to fill these columns.

I must, however, raise a glass, shout a cheer, sound the trumpets (make your own choice of celebratory noise) in recognition of the mail I received from Howard Beldock! I opened the envelope, which contained a note along with a printed notice regarding his practice as a mediator/arbitrator. This is work for which Howie has attained considerable status and recognition.

Not being a lawyer, let me dwell on the personal note, the content

of which might be summed up as, "I'm still here and doing great!" But it is stated in the warmest terms and brought a smile to my face. Nevertheless, the visual, which I can only describe here, remains most vividly in my mind. Howie has the most extraordinary "hand," with flourishes and style that we associate with historical documents. The visual impact of his written page adds emotion to the content and makes the decline of cursive writing a loss that younger generations cannot understand.

Thanks, Howie. Hope to see as many of you as can make it at Dean's Day on Saturday, June 4 (college.columbia.edu/alumni/events/deansday). It is always a meaningful occasion and worth getting up early to make it in time for breakfast with classmates!

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Irving Kushner retired from academic medicine and now is

professor emeritus at Case Western Reserve University. Irv continues, though, to participate in the academic activities of the Division of Rheumatology at Case's hospital, where he engages in conferences and journal clubs and helps his younger colleagues write papers. Irv says that he has had "an attack of late life productivity" and has had six papers published after his 81st birthday dealing variously with medicine, science and medical history. And speaking of history, as this was being written, Irv was preparing a lecture on the history of the four humors, the theory of the human body that guided ancient Greek and Roman physicians.

Gerard Weissman, whose medical career has been in basic biomedical research on inflammation, continues as director of the Biotechnology Study Center and research professor of medicine at the NYU School of Medicine. Gerry's science-related activities extend beyond academic halls; he is editor-in-chief of the *FASEB Journal*, which is the official publication of the Federation of American Societies of Experimental Biology, now the most-cited journal of biology worldwide. Gerry has contributed many articles to the *Journal* through the years, and these articles are the basis for his 10th book of essays, *Epigenetics in the Age of Twitter: Pop Culture and Modern Science*, to be published this year. He has served for four years as chairman of the prize jury for Prix Galien USA, an international grant that annually grants its pro bono award for humanitarian services to underserved populations worldwide. Gerry extends his interest to sea life as well and for 18 years has been a trustee of the Marine Biological Laboratory at Woods Hole, Mass., and has been appointed to its board of overseers.

Sadly, we report three deaths. **Joachim (Joe) Adamczyk** of Madison, N.J., died in January. **George C. Finch** of New Bern, N.C., died in November. **John E. Silverberg** of Long Island City, N.Y., died in December.

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Alumni Reunion Weekend is less than a month away. Thursday, June

2-Sunday, June 5! There will be a great mix of cultural happenings throughout New York City as well as class-specific events where we will have a chance to renew old friendships. Thursday night, there will be a chance to take in a show in Manhattan. Friday offers mini-Core courses, tours and discussions, and a class reception. Saturday is Dean's Day, with great lectures, including a talk by Dean Michele Moody-Adams, followed in the evening by the all-class Wine Tasting, a dinner with the Class of 1946, and sweets, champagne, music and dancing on Low Plaza at the Starlight Reception. In between, there will be plenty of other happenings to keep us entertained. Don't miss it. It's not too late to register. You can even do so online: alumni.college.columbia.edu/reunion.

Ralph Lowenstein '51 received the 2011 Emma Lazarus Statue of Liberty Award, the American Jewish Historical Society's highest honor.

Without generous philanthropists, our country's great centers of learning would cease to exist. Consider for example the contributions of the Sulzberger family. In late February, at the death of Judith Sulzberger, sister of **Arthur Ochs Sulzberger**, the *New York Times* published an inspirational story about the family and its close relationship to Columbia. Judith graduated from P&S in 1949 and financially supported alma mater's Genome Center. In 1991, together with her siblings, Judith gave a generous contribution to Barnard in honor of their mother, Iphigene. In 2005, Judith and her sisters Ruth and Marian presented the Journalism School with major gifts for new management training programs for news executives, as well as internships and scholarships, to honor Arthur, the chairman emeritus and former publisher of the *Times*.

All of the above is not the end of the story about Judith and little brother Arthur. The *Times* let the "cat out of the bag." When Arthur was born, his father, who enjoyed writing light verse, prepared an illustrated book describing the boy as having "come to play the PUNCH to Judy's endless show." So "Punch" became Arthur's lifelong nickname.

Nearly 40 years after prominent colleges such as Columbia and Harvard expelled the Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps from their campuses, some colleges are reconsidering what might have been a too-hasty action during the Vietnam conflict. At the time of this writing, Harvard announced that it would officially recognize NROTC. Dur-

ing WWII, Columbia's unit trained more than 23,000 officers for naval service. While our class attended Columbia, the Corps consisted of 220 midshipmen, about 10 percent of the College's enrollment. Encouraged by **B. James Lowe** and **Leonard A. Stoeck**, along with continuing publicity in *The Wounded Lion* to bring back the Navy, Columbia's administration may yet agree with Harvard's President Drew Gilpin Faust that Harvard's "renewed relationship (with NROTC) affirms the vital role that members of our Armed Forces play in serving the nation and securing our freedoms, while also affirming inclusion and opportunity as powerful American ideals."

Congratulations to **Ralph Lowenstein '51**, formerly dean of the College of Journalism and Commu-

nications at the University of Florida. Ralph received the 2011 Emma Lazarus Statue of Liberty Award, the American Jewish Historical Society's highest honor, presented to an individual "who has demonstrated outstanding leadership and commitment to strengthening the American Jewish Community." Previous awardees include George P. Shultz, Edward Koch and Elie Wiesel. Last year, Ralph had the idea to create a Gainesville Holocaust Memorial. He became the fundraiser, project coordinator and memorial designer. Some 340 individuals and families contributed the \$36,000 cost of the memorial, which was unveiled before a large gathering and much local publicity on September 12.

Paul Miller lives in Tarpon Springs, Fla. He was one of our classmates who returned from WWII active duty with the Army to continue his college education. Paul began his career with Curtis-Wright, aircraft engine manufacturers in New Jersey before embarking on long careers with Bell and General Telephone. Before retiring in 1989, Paul participated in a brokerage business. He can be reached at 727-937-0560.

Mary Jo Kloezenman advised us that her father, **Robert Archer**, died on September 4. Robert earned a Ph.D. from GSAS in 1954 and had a long career with Hewlett-Packard. **Howard N. Ross** died on November 16. In college, he was an editor of the *Pre-Medical Journal*, a member of Sawbones and secretary of the Pre-Med Society. He earned a Ph.D. from GSAS in 1964 and for many years was a professor of econom-

ics at Baruch. In December, **John B. Morris** died in the Atlanta area. Active with the Canterbury Club at Columbia, he subsequently graduated from the Virginia Theological Seminary before embarking upon a career in the ministry.

A couple of 60th reunion notes to conclude this column. Please don't overlook the letter you received from Reunion Committee members **Willard Block**, **Mark Kaplan** and **Harvey Krueger**. Their suggestion is for every class member to reexamine his assets and make as large as possible a reunion class gift to the Columbia College Fund. You can give online (college.columbia.edu/giveonline/) or mail a check to Columbia College Fund, Columbia Alumni Center, 622 W. 113th St., MC 4530, 3rd Fl., New York NY 10025. Of equal importance is the committee's suggestion to register now for reunion festivities. Again, you can do this online (alumni.college.columbia.edu/reunion/) or use the registration packet you received in the mail. Contact Jennifer Freely, assistant director, alumni affairs (jf2261@columbia.edu or 212-851-7438), for the latest details or more information.

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The men and women who serve in our military forces and protect our country are to be admired and respected, especially during times of war, when a young life can be snuffed out in a split second. Many of us have served and feel proud of our small or large contribution. Our country called and we answered.

When General Studies student and former Army Staff Sgt. **Anthony Maschek** was heckled during a school forum discussing ROTC on campus, it struck a nerve with New York Assemblyman Robert J. Castelli. Castelli, a Vietnam War veteran, was angry that a young man who was shot 11 times in a firefight in northern Iraq in February 2008 was shown a lack of respect by some of his fellow students.

A college professor, Castelli wrote a letter to President Lee C. Bollinger and cc'd, among others, American Legion Department of New York Commander V. James Troilo. The letter was shared with National Commander Jimmie L. Foster, who praised Castelli "for standing up for former Army Staff Sgt. Anthony Maschek and all veterans currently enrolled in colleges throughout the country. Our veterans deserve to be treated, at the very least, with the same respect

as any of their fellow students."

Castelli's letter to Bollinger read, in part: "As a champion of diversity, I would expect that you could convey to your students the fact that they do not need to honor the war to respect and honor our warriors. The treatment of this young veteran who was wounded 11 times in the service of his country is abhorrent, to say the least... (Members of our military who served their country and risked their lives on our behalf should be treated with the same dignity and respect that your institution demands for any diverse member of our population.)"

Armen Haig wrote, after we chatted by phone: "I am still doing orthopedic surgery, now with my son, who is managing the practice in Bronxville, N.Y., with part-time clinical academic interest at NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital/Columbia University Medical Center."

"I had been department director at Lawrence Hospital Center and then chief of staff before moving on to senior staff. My previous academic activity had been a full-time academic appointment at Albert Einstein Medical Center as deputy director, where I had a wonderful time managing the residency training program from 1964-69, when I moved to Westchester."

"My Columbia friends included Frank Durkan '51, who passed away recently, just before a reunion we had planned. We kept putting it off, but we talked by phone about his clients (he was a lawyer). Lesson learned: Do not squander opportunities to hold old (or new) friendships. You don't always get a second chance. Thanks for listening."

From Irwin Herman: "Most of the names that appear in this column, I do not recognize. Whether this is due to time or age, I can't say. My wife has buried the 1952 yearbook in the depths of an antique steamer trunk, and I don't dare open it to check the pictures lest I release evil. This is sad because during 1948-52, we knew almost everyone in the College by name or by sight."

"My name will probably suffer the same lack of recognition, but because it's almost 60 years (60 years!) since graduation, I will take an old man's liberty of providing a brief biography. Maybe some survivors out there in graduation land will find this interesting."

"After graduation, I returned to Cincinnati, where I started my career in journalism, running copy for the *Cincinnati Enquirer* until the Army called. After two years at Fort Belvoir in public information, where I saw Mal Schechter pass through the engineering school and Max Frankel while on an official visit to the Pentagon, I ended up as a reporter (in fact, the only

reporter) at a daily paper in Frankfort, Ky. I decided to move on, and while heading to North Carolina with a fellowship in social and a job stringing for the *Durham Sun*, got sidetracked. I ended up working for a daily labor paper out of Charleston, W.Va. I was unhappy there, so I moved back to Cincinnati, where I remained unemployed and rejected by every major paper I queried. At a crossroad, I decided to use the G.I. Bill. Remembering how happy and unstressed the premeds were at Columbia, I decided to go to medical school. Unfortunately, I had none of the science requirements. So in two years and working full-time, I got the credits and got admitted to University of Cincinnati College of Medicine. After a year of internship, three years of internal medicine residency and a year of fellowship, I established practice in Oakland, Calif."

"I married an attractive, talented young lady from Iowa named Virginia, whom I met while she was a physical therapist at the V.A. hospital in Cincinnati. She has had the fortitude to tolerate my years of residency and me. We have three boys. The oldest, David, is a captain in the Navy, married to a pathologist, and has realized his dream of being a skipper of an attack submarine. He has two boys. Middle son, Tom, after getting his master's in biotech and working in research, switched to more remunerative biotech sales. He married a schoolteacher, continued the family tradition having two boys, and lives in idyllic Coronado, Calif. Our youngest, Charlie, went to Berkeley, was Phi Beta Kappa and by an unusual set of circumstances acted as factotum for David Brinkley during the 50th D-Day commemoration in France. This led to a job at ABC News, where he advanced to business and economics producer. This past year he moved to a similar position at WNYC in NYC."

"The chaos of insurance and the government led me to leave practice in 1994, and I joined the enemy as a medical consultant for the state of California, where I work full-time."

"This has been a long bio written at the request of our esteemed '52 column editor, Sidney. However, I will announce now that this is not an invitation for solicitations. With the wisdom of age, I have gone from yellow dog Democrat to conservative independent."

Citing what he perceives as "the pervasive radical and anti-Israeli bias of the University," Irwin closes by saying he has "moved my wallet from my left to right hip pocket."

This next about Anthony (A. James) Gregor: Anthony Gimigliano, born in Brooklyn, N.Y., on April

2, 1929, proceeded to earn his Ph.D. (1961) in social and political philosophy as an Irwin Edman Scholar in the philosophy department of Columbia. He commenced his career as an educator by working in the philosophy departments of the universities of Hawaii, Kentucky and Texas, before being invited, in 1967, to join the faculty of the political science department at UC Berkeley. He retired from his teaching obligations in 2009, and continues his research and publication, primarily in the history of revolutionary thought. He has published 26 volumes, the most recent of which include *Marxism, Fascism, and Totalitarianism: Chapters in the Intellectual History of Radicalism; The Search for Neofascism: The Use and Abuse of Social Science; Mussolini's Intellectuals: Fascist Social and Political Thought; and Faces of Japan: Marxism and Fascism in the Twentieth Century*.

Collateral with his studies in revolutionary ideologies, Anthony has published widely in professional journals dealing with security and national defense issues. In that capacity, he has held the Oppenheimer Chair of Warfighting Strategy at the United States Marine Corps University (1996-97) as well as been an adjunct lecturer for the Professional School, Department of State, and occasional lecturer for the National Defense University and the United States Marine Corps University. He has served as expert witness in regional security matters for both houses of Congress and on the editorial boards of the *Journal of Strategic Studies* and *Comparative Strategy*. Anthony has participated in lectures and conferences in most of the major cities of the United States, and in Europe, as well as Mexico City, Buenos Aires and Montevideo in Latin America. Similar obligations took him to Tokyo, Beijing, Pyongyang, Taipei, Kuala Lumpur, Bangkok, Manila, New Delhi and Calcutta in Asia. As a lecturer for the United States Information Agency, Anthony spoke at institutions in Jerusalem, Cairo and Pretoria. In 1972, he was awarded a Guggenheim Fellowship. In 1974, he was commemorative speaker at the Giovanni Gentile Commemorative Ceremony of the *Enciclopedia Italiana*, Rome. He was a fellow of the Center for Advanced Study in the Social Sciences at the Hebrew University, Jerusalem (1980-81). In 2004, the government of the Republic of Italy awarded Anthony membership (as cavaliere) in the Order of Merit. He lives in Berkeley, Calif., with his wife, Professors Maria Hsia Chang.

Your reporter thanks you all for your contributions and wishes good health and happiness to all.

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The unusual achievement of our innovative classmate Herman Winick is truly amazing. In 1997, Herman was associated with the SLAC National Accelerator Laboratory at Stanford when he learned that the Bonn government in Germany was planning to shut down its existing synchrotron and replace it with a newer, more powerful model. The Germans planned to cut up their old synchrotron and sell its metal as scrap.

In simple terms, a synchrotron produces super intense X-rays that enable scientists to see the detailed arrangements of atoms inside complex molecules such as proteins. For example, the synchrotron makes it possible to analyze the atomic structure of defective hemoglobin in order to create a medicine to help patients with sickle cell anemia.

Hearing that the Bonn government was about to sell the existing synchrotron, Herman came up with an imaginative idea. Instead of selling it as scrap, would the Bonn government be willing to donate the equipment to a scientific group in the Middle East?

Working diligently, Herman was able to secure an enthusiastic response from the scientific community and UNESCO. As a result, nine Middle Eastern countries (Bahrain, Egypt, Israel, the Palestinian Authority, Cyprus, Jordan, Turkey, Iran and Pakistan) agreed to construct the Middle East's first major cooperative international scientific research center. Jordan successfully competed with seven countries to become the site for the new center.

Talking to Herman on the phone, I learned that he is especially excited that this cooperative venture of scientists from nine countries will convince bright young students in the area to work together on peaceful projects that will have enormous medical and other benefits for people in their countries and for the entire world. Detailed information about the project is available at www.sesame.org.jo.

Keep up the great work, Herman! Your classmates are proud of your determined efforts over many years to bring this project to fruition.

Talking to Stan Maratos by phone, I learned that last summer he was inducted into the Hellenic Athletic Hall of Fame at a ceremony in Montreal. His achievements were cited at a dinner attended by 300 people where Stan received a huge plaque and a glass globe on a pedestal. Interestingly enough, Stan is one of a small number of our classmates who married as under-

graduates. He and Amariyllis were married during their senior year and celebrated their 59th wedding anniversary. Stan also told me about a celebration every two years in Florida known as The Last Round-up. It seems our Columbia jocks from the early '50s get together to party and talk about the good old days. If you were a jock and would like to participate, please telephone Stan in Treasure Island, Fla.

Stan was a member of the 1950-51 men's basketball team that went undefeated during the regular season and won the Eastern Intercollegiate Basketball League (forerunner of the Ivy League) championship before bowing to Illinois 79-71 in the NCAA tournament. That team has been inducted to the Columbia University Athletics Hall of Fame.

Congratulations, Stan, on your Hellenic Athletic Club of Fame award.

Elliot Weser still is active, vigorous and enthusiastic. For example, in 2010 he was elected to the city council of Alamo Heights, Texas. During the course of our telephone conversation, he told me that he's enjoying every minute of being on the council and finds that the key to being politically productive is to make sure to maintain a sense of humor. After 32 years of flying his four-passenger plane to all parts of the United States, two years ago Elliot and his wife, Marcia, decided to stop flying.

Elliot's working years have been enormously productive. For 44 years, he was professor of medicine at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, where he founded and became the chief of the gastroenterology department. For 20 years, Elliot was the chief of medicine at the Veterans Hospital in San Antonio. He is emeritus professor of medicine at the University of Texas Health Science Center.

Six years ago, **Gene Winograd** retired as professor of psychology at Emory, where he specialized in experimental research on memory. Gene published more than 75 papers and wrote a couple of books. On the phone, Gene reported that he finds it very pleasant to be retired. He finds it especially rewarding to do a lot of reading and piano playing. He and Judy are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary.

During our undergraduate years, **Rolon Reed** was one of our most dynamic and capable class leaders. To mention a few of his many activities, he was the managing editor of *Spectator*, the president of Phi Gamma Delta and the recording secretary of the Pamphletia Council. Talking to Rolon, I learned that after suffering two broken hips and having terrible trouble with his lungs after 60 years of smoking,

he has to use a wheelchair to get around. Nevertheless, he still retains his delightful sense of humor and powerful intellect. When asked what he thought of Barack Obama '83's election, Rolon told me, "Hell of a hoot." All of his classmates and fraternity brothers are praying for Rolon's recovery and return to good health.

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While it is always great hearing from classmates on a regular basis, every so often I hear from members of our class whom I have not heard from for some time. I was delighted to hear from **Ed Raab** recently. He has been happily married to Rosanne for 52 years, and they have three fine children, two admirable in-law children and four super grandchildren. Ed writes, "Rosanne and I travel a great deal, and she has accompanied me on teaching missions in China, India and Uzbekistan. We play tennis year-round, and I am still in active ophthalmology practice and teaching at Mount Sinai School of Medicine."

Peter Ehrenhaft is a truly loyal "roving reporter." Peter met **Roy Schotland** at a dinner party recently. Roy teaches at Georgetown Law School. Peter and Roy clerked at the Supreme Court in the same term during 1961, Roy for Justice William Brennan and Peter for Chief Justice Warren. Roy's wife, Sara, recently retired as a partner at the law firm of Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton and now competes with Roy as a lecturer on a variety of themes at law schools around the world.

Allen Hyman '55 was honored by Columbia's Kraft Family Center for Jewish Student Life at its 10th anniversary celebration.

Ed Cowan and his bride, Ann Louise, continue their pilgrimage, aka baseball odyssey, and are planning to be in Denver in May. The Colorado Rockies will mark the 30th major league stadium visit for them. While there, a lovely reunion will take place between the Cowans and **Herb Wittow** and his wife, Sandra. I know, and my wife, Debby, can say from experience, that Herb and Sandra are absolutely wonderful hosts. Herb tells me that he is finally sincerely considering retirement.

Speaking of travel, Debby and I recently went to China, where I judged at dog shows and we visited several cities.

For those of our classmates whom we have not heard from recently, please drop me a note or an e-mail, or call. Hope to hear from many of you soon.

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The hottest news on Morningside Heights currently is the issue of bringing back ROTC to campus. It is being discussed passionately in the University Senate, and by faculty, students and alumni. Remember the good old days when NROTC and AFROTC were joined by a good many undergraduates? The question should be resolved shortly, perhaps before this magazine reaches your hands.

Alumni weekend recently was held for basketball and baseball (including an alumni game for hoopers — none of our class played). We saw **Jack Freeman**, **Richard Ascher**, **Bob Pearlman** and many other alumni socializing and reliving the past. Some of the guys who couldn't make it were **Ron McPhee**, **Ton Brennan**, **Tony Palladino** and **John Naley**. There's always next year, fellows.

In early April, the annual Columbia Community Outreach was held. More than 1,000 students, alumni, faculty and the rest of the Columbia community went into New York City neighborhoods and areas around the globe, participating in a day of service. This event has been going on for 15 years and was started by two College students in the 1990s.

Faculty have become an integral part in bringing the classroom to

Travel Study featuring guest lecturers; and Crossroads of Cultures in the Mediterranean — a voyage from Seville to Venice. **Myron Liptzin** went with a group on one of these cruises a short while ago.

The 63rd annual *Hotel* event was held in the early spring. Key speakers were Professor Ann Douglas, composer David Amram, writer Joyce Johnson and a cast of all-stars who helped Columbia honor its Beat prodigal sons, Allen Ginsberg '48 and football coach Lou Little's favorite, Jack Kerouac '44.

Another major achievement in the admissions area: Columbia received a record number of applications for the Class of 2015, 34,587, a more than 32 percent increase from last year.

The Kraft Family Center for Jewish Student Life is holding its 10th anniversary celebration in which **Allen Hyman** is being honored, among others. In addition to participating in events at the Kraft Center, Allen is active with our class, attending monthly class dinners, sporting events, scholarship functions and more.

Two affinity groups will be gathering at Alumni Reunion Weekend in early June. One is varsity athletes — will we see **Neil Opdyke**, **Bob Mercier**, **Dick Carr**, **Peter Chase**, **Bob Dillingham**, **Peter Martin**, **Barry Paniser**, **Willy Storz** and **Barry Sullivan**? Due to the success of last year's gathering, all singing groups (Glee Club, et al.) will be invited to give another concert at reunion. Details will follow. We mentioned that WKCR had its 70th anniversary party a couple of months ago. No, it was not held in the old studios in Hamilton Annex. Didn't see **Dave Sweet** ("Voice of the Roaring Lion").

Everyone should know that the Class of 1955 Scholarship Fund recipient is **Dominique Nieves '12**, who is majoring in dance and a pre-med track of study. She teaches high school students at NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital/Columbia University Medical Center. Dominique is smart and is a wonderful person as well.

We received an invitation from **George Raitt** to have coffee at "Chock Full o'Nuts" or "Prexy's, the Hamburger with a College Education." In case we have trouble finding these places, there is always The West End (or a variation thereof). The class monthly dinners have expanded to boroughs outside of Manhattan. (We haven't made it to the Bronx or Staten Island, yet.) Looking forward to seeing **Stan Zinberg**, **Berish Strauch**, **Aaron Hamburger** and **Robert Kushner**, and from Long Island, **John Nelson**, **Julius Rosenberg**, **Bob Loring** and **Milt Merritt**. **Ben Kaplan** is in touch trying to find out the whereabouts of **Don Kresge**.

Ben still is in the insurance business in Midtown.

We learned of the passing of two classmates — **Don Grillo** and **Jay Novins**. Our sympathies go out to their family and friends. They will be missed.

Benevolent Class of 1955, time is moving quite rapidly as we head toward another milestone, our 60th. Keep your spirits up. Keep your cholesterol down. Enjoy yourself to the fullest. Love to all, everywhere!

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I went to Ft. Lauderdale in early March to visit **Danny Link** for four days that included our Florida Class of '56 Luncheon. The luncheon was held on March 8 at the Ibis Country Club in Palm Beach Gardens and was hosted by **Don Roth** and attended by **Anita and Lou Hemmerdinger**, **Lisa and Mike Spett**, **Jackie and Don Roth**, **Elinor Baller and Danny Link**, **Fern and Stan Manne**, **Don Kazimir**, **Janet and John Garnjost**, and myself and my wife, **Elke**. John brought his mother-in-law, whose company we enjoyed, as well as enjoying the fact that we had at least one older person attending. Everyone enjoyed the food and good company, and we already are talking about next year's Florida luncheon.

I believe that the winter weather that we suffered here in the New York City area has finally ended. So let's start thinking summer. The Class of 2011 graduation and our 55th reunion, Thursday, June 2-Sunday, June 5. See details later in this column.

On January 15, a number of our class members were in attendance to see the Columbia basketball team kick off its Ivy League season against Cornell. It was good to share the winning experience with **Maurice Klein** and his wife, **Judy**, and **Jordan Richin**, who came as my guests, and to run into **Paul Taormina** and **Charlie Brown**, who are regulars at many of the games. It also was nice to see the names of a number of our class members honored in the program as receiving their basketball letters during our four years in college. The night brought back some very good memories.

On the evening of February 3,

Al Franco '56E and I were privileged to attend the Dean's Scholarship Reception, where we got to meet many of our class's scholarship recipients. Our class currently has four permanent scholarships (set up at our 50th reunion) and six current-use scholarships. It is truly a joy to listen to the students. They are bright, ambitious, directed and very appreciative of the scholarships that have enabled them to attend Columbia. Interestingly, the scholarship program now covers living expenses during the summer so students can take internships in their chosen fields without worrying about finances. It also was nice to hear that they were interested in our experiences some 55 years ago. I am trying to get our two graduating class scholarship students to attend one of our reunion events (probably our June 3 dinner).

Our last class luncheon was held at the Columbia Alumni Center, home to the Alumni Office. We have elected to hold our lunches at the Center until we have completed our 55th reunion planning. It has worked really well. In attendance at a recent lunch, held on February 6, were **Bob Siroy**, **Peter Klein**, **Stan Soren**, **Buzz Paaswell**, **Jerry Fine** and me. We have completed most of the planning, so now the rest is up to you, our class members who would like to attend. We will be moving our bimonthly lunches, after the summer, back to campus (at Faculty House, or some new, interesting restaurants near campus), or the Columbia University Club for our midtown class alums.

Our 55th reunion is less than a month away. It's not too late to register online: alumni.college.columbia.edu/reunion. There will be a great mix of cultural happenings throughout New York City and class-specific events where we will have a chance to renew friendships. On Thursday night, there will be a chance to take in a show in Manhattan. Friday offers mini-Core courses and a class wine-tasting and buffet dinner. Saturday is Dean's Day, with great lectures, including a talk by Dean Michele Moody-Adams and a class luncheon at Casa Italiana, followed in the evening by our class cocktail and dinner party, with a lively discussion with Professor **Peter Pazzagli** '77 GSAS. For those who still want to party, there is the Starlight Reception, which features sweets, champagne and dancing on Low Plaza. In between, there will be plenty of other happenings to keep us entertained. Don't miss it. The committee has worked hard to keep the cost reasonable and the program lively and interesting. For more detailed information, check your reunion package or online at alumni.college.columbia.edu/

reunion.

Class news: **Elliott Urdang**, a Brooklyn boy living in Rhode Island for the last 40-plus years, has had multiple careers. As he writes, "After working as a child psychiatrist for 25 years, I have been working for 20 years as a freelance translator from Russian (as well as medical materials from Spanish and French in the past five years)." Elliott's interest in foreign languages led him to get an M.A. in Russian, which led to his second career in translation, which he loves. He is a co-translator of two books by Romanian poet **Ion Caraion**: *Ion Caraion: Poems*, co-translated with Marguerite Dorian, bilingual Romanian-English edition; and *The Error of Being (Gresala de a fi)*, poems of **Ion Caraion**, co-translated from Romanian with Marguerite Dorian, bilingual Romanian-English edition.

Elliott's wife, **Ester**, also is an author and is writing a textbook on human behavior in the social environment. So they both get added to our class' list of authors. Elliott is friendly with **Eddie Smith** and his wife, and still is nostalgic for Columbia.

Elliott, I would love to see you at our 55th reunion.

Don Roth, host of our Florida luncheon, also has had multiple careers. After lawyering with **Fried Frank, Wachtel and Lipton** in Washington, D.C., he moved on to an executive position at **Ocean Data Systems**, a high-tech company, from which he retired when it was sold. Not satisfied to be retired, **Don** returned to get an M.B.A. from **Wharton** about the same time my son got his M.B.A. The only difference is that **Don** was about 30 years older than his classmates. This has led to **Don** being a co-founder and officer of an Internet startup, **Optimal Effect**.

Good luck to **Don** in this exciting new challenge.

Leo Glass, practicing law in Monticello, N.Y., writes that he misses Columbia and had a claim of being the youngest in our class. Sorry **Leo**, **Buzz Paaswell** has you beat by about nine months. We would both like to see you at our 55th reunion to share other remembrances.

On a sad note, **Herbert Baumann** passed away in January. Herb was a member of our winning fencing team and had a successful career with Unilever. I send our class condolences to his widow, **Jessica**, and his three children.

Len Wolf, our class historian, has written his following observations on our years at Columbia. Do any of you remember that:

As sophomores during the **Soph-Frosh Rush**, we were the second class to lose to the freshmen, who managed to climb the greased pole and capture the prized bean

perched atop? Does anyone remember the first class to lose?

During our freshman year, **Gordon Butler** was banded up in bandages mummy-style and put on a plane to Chicago by a group of sophomores who had kidnapped him? They explained to the airline that he had been horribly burned and was banded so heavily in order to prevent him from speaking or touching his badly burned body. When the hoax was discovered, it got national press coverage, adding immeasurably to the considerable image of maturity that Columbia students were about to display in the years ahead.

During the Cold War, in a Radio Moscow broadcast, **Valentin Zorin**, a Soviet and Russian commentator, suggested that **Dwight D. Eisenhower** had tried to turn Columbia into a barracks during his time as Columbia's president? **Zorin** had obviously stayed at, or seen, the rooms at **John Jay Hall** at some time or another.

In May 1953, a mob of Columbia students attempted a panty raid at both **Barnard** and **Johnson Hall**? The event was covered by all the New York newspapers, with the *New York Post* calling the undergraduates "cavemen who garnered trophies in furious assaults on the trembling women students in three dorms."

During Columbia's bicentennial celebration in 1954, more than 7,000 invited guests from 37 countries assembled in the Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine? They included Germany's **Konrad Adenauer**, Supreme Court Chief Justice **Earl Warren** and 1952 Presidential candidate **Adlai Stevenson**.

Graduating seniors could expect to earn starting salaries of from \$75-\$90 a week, according to Columbia's Placement Bureau?

Despite a vote where 91 percent of dorm students voiced approval of a system that would permit female students to visit dorm rooms, the Residential Dormitory Council elected not to allow such visits?

The small-scale riot during our senior class beer party in **John Jay Hall** resulted in the destruction of furniture and chandeliers, with one classmate being sent to **St. Luke's Hospital** for eight stitches?

It may seem hard to believe that in some cases these events happened close to 60 years ago, and even more so that they still burn bright in the memories that so many of us still have.

College fundraising: We have set a class goal of \$150,000 donated to the Columbia College Fund by the end of this fiscal year (Thursday, June 30). If we meet this goal, the Scholarships 101 Challenge, generously funded by the late **John W.**

Kluge '37, will release the \$150,000, allowing us to fund a class scholarship, which we would like to name the **Alan M. Miller Scholarship Matching Fund**. It is urgent, if you are so inclined, to both honor Alan's memory and add to our class' support of Columbia scholarships, that you make the largest contribution you can for this worthwhile program. You can mail a check to Columbia College Fund, Columbia Alumni Center, 622 W. 113th St., MC 4530, 3rd Fl., New York, NY 10025, or give online at college.columbia.edu/giveonline. I thank you for your participation.

I am again asking all class members who want to keep in touch to update their e-mail addresses by contacting **Lou Hemmendinger**, our class correspondent: lhemm@aoi.com. This seems to be the best way to stay in touch with the majority of our class members. Please keep in contact with Columbia in whatever ways you feel appropriate, as I believe that it has been a force and power in our lives.

If you have news to share, please e-mail me at tbl18000@earthlink.net, and I will make sure it gets in a future Class Notes.

Wishing that the next few months are as exciting in your lives as they are to the graduating Class of 2011.

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John "Sparky" Breeskin: "I have good news to pass along to you. **Roy Wolff** is out of the hospital (see November/December) and slowly recovering at home. Because we have the kind of relationship that we do, I asked him how his perspective has changed as a result of his stroke. He quickly replied that now he appreciates being out of the rehab hospital and being able to sit in the sun in his own house with his angelic partner, Monique, by his side.

"I hasten to add that what has happened to him has not impaired his colorful speech."

Sparky then provided some reminiscences of his days at alma mater: "I find that after more than two score and 10 years, certain impressions are indelibly imprinted into my memory, and I would like to share them with you as one person's perception of an experience we all have in common.

"First, among the faculty, how can I go wrong by nominating **Dustin Rice** ('C-Rice') at the head of the queue? **James Shenton** '49, of course, follows, with **Ralph Hefterline** and the inestimable **Fred Keller** among this company. This list could never

be complete without **Lou Little**, who will always be 'my coach.'

"**Alan Gottdenker** and **Roy Wolff** stand at the front of the line. Their deep and abiding love for me is something that is always with me.

"In somewhat alphabetical order, **Pasquale Caputo** shared his great love of opera with me. **Charlie Catania** was my always helpful rat lab partner. **Claude Benham** struck me with the noble way he carried himself. **Roy Altman's** charming smile will always shine in my memory. **Ted Dwyer** was my roommate during our freshman year, and I had the great pleasure of introducing him to some of my favorite places in NYC.

"**Dick Ebert** inspired me with his courage. **Billy Friedman** delighted me with his creative mischief. **Sheril Fischer** was a rewarding part of my AFROTC experience, and **Stan Luftschtein** was grace under pressure. **Harry Marks** and I were not close, but I always admired the quiet way in which he carried himself. I will always remember **Murray May's** infectious laugh. I am proud to call **John Wellington** my friend; we dressed for football in adjoining lockers and that is all that it took for us to find each other. I looked up to **Art Wilson** for his values, and I totally understand why he was chosen as captain of our football team.

"Now the inescapable question is, what do all of these classmates have in common? I will call the entity a 'largeness of spirit.' The demonstrated details are, of course, completely idiosyncratic; but to me, the similarities are compelling."

Mac Gimse: "Thank you for your thoughtful mail containing the article on Mr. Chris Sharp (*The Washington Post*, January 16) and his project to cast 19 statues of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. I am happy to see a sculptor devoted to such a worthy cause and admire his commitment to the Civil Rights Movement.

"I have written about Dr. King and cast a sculpture to honor his work, although it is a very different style, showing the brutality of racism. It has been called, 'Not suitable for children to view,' and I agree. Mr. Sharp's project is a focus on King and his cause. I appreciate his work."

Mac continues from the previous CCT on his New York exhibit (November) at KGB Gallery:

"**Joe Diamond** appeared later, and it was the occasion for the only photo of the day. We are looking at *Bearing The Burden Of Peace*, created for David Trimble and John Hume of Northern Ireland, co-laureates for the Nobel Peace Prize in 1998. The bronze sculpture was pre-

sented to them in March 2000 at St. Olaf College in Minnesota.

"It was inspiring to bridge the years with '57 classmates to our time of passing between Butler Library and Hamilton Hall. Our discourse moved from current events to great issues in philosophy and history with the help of impromptu lectures by Professor **Bernard Wisny** '48, '58 CSAS, class valedictorian. We had **Erich Gruen** and a host of bright and willing young minds ready to debate any issue. It was somewhere on the quad that I lost my intellectual innocence. The magic of Columbia was to bring everything into question. I am grateful."

Carlos Muñoz: "Just received CCT, and it reminded me that, while I was in California preparing to take our grandchildren on a cruise, I missed the regular '57 lunch by two days. I had lunch with **John Taussig**, **Gene Wagner** was to join us, but the horrendous rains in December blocked roads and prevented his trip. We survived the rains and had a delightful cruise to Mexico with our family group of 12, including six grandchildren.

"The cruise left from the Port of Los Angeles December 26, comprising eight days to Cabo San Lucas, Mazatlan and Puerto Vallarta. The ship included a full basketball and soccer court for the four teenage boys (who almost beat the ship's crew team in soccer), an ice skating rink and a climbing wall, and the kids kayaked in Cabo, parasailed in Mazatlan and swam with dolphins in Puerto Vallarta."

Martin Brothers: "At this first classmates' conversation of its kind, held at the Columbia Alumni Center on March 3, 14 of us were present (including our Alumni Office liaison, Paul Staller, director of class giving): **Bob Lipsyte**, **Sal Franchino**, **Stanley Barnett**, **Paul Zola**, **Art Meyerson**, **Martin Brothers**, **Joseph Diamond**, **Carlos Muñoz**, **Robert Klipstein**, **Mark Stanton**, **Al Fierro**, **David Kinne** and **Joseph Feldschuh**.

"Twelve others would have attended if they were not out of town or obliged to attend to compelling personal matters: **Alvin Kass**, **Alan Rosen**, **Jonathan Lubin**, **Steve Ronai**, **Phil Olick**, **Edward Weinstein**, **Marty Fisher**, **Alan Brown**, **Mike Lipper**, **Bob Flescher**, **Larry Boes** and **Ken Bodenstein**.

"The conference room at the Center was commodious enough to seat 22 on comfortable oblong conference table equipped with audio-visual adaptors, with an adjoining kitchen where coffee had been prepared by the staff and a refrigerator where we chilled wine that was served over lunch deliv-

ered by Nussbaum & Wu, a nearby deli. Although not on the level of the culinary or ambient splendor of The University Club, the situation was cozy, informal and made for easy communication among all present.

"**Bob Lipsyte** moderated the conversation, which went on for about two hours and might have lasted longer. Not only was he engaging but also he was interesting, amusing, candid, controversial and personable, and everyone present had something to say that all others heard and found interesting. He had stories to tell and anecdotes that were at times surprising and moving, regarding his own life and the lives of celebrities, mentors and others who had impressed him.

"I hope he'll return for an encore. Here's an idea for you, Bob. Why not collar some athlete or journalist you've known and interview him or her on or off the record, where we could ask questions and make comments during or after your interview? It wouldn't have to be someone famous: say, a boxer or a baseball or football or tennis player. Surely, Pete Rose would be interesting, but a lesser known or even unknown player with a story of interest might do as well or better. Please give this some thought.

"The prospect of organizing a similar luncheon is one that any one or more of you can do, either individually or as a team, whether the luncheon centers around a theme, topic or moderator, or you aim at a get-together without more, a causerie, chat or symposium. Any format of interest might work, and the resources of the University in the City of New York offer too many possibilities to list here.

"I'd be happy for your input on the luncheon we had and would organize another if enough of you wish, but would be just as pleased (if not more pleased) to defer to or assist anyone else who has an idea for a project.

"My impression is that at our age the collective knowledge, experience and wisdom around the table was remarkable if not daunting and should make for many more interesting conversations where we can feel connected and involved in the event.

"Listen, there were guys there who have a great deal they could say to engage us for hours. Frankly, any one of us could, if we wanted, delve into our own lives for material that might interest others. Quick examples: **Art Meyerson** (psychiatry), **Paul Zola** (psychology), **David Kinne** (medicine) and **Stan Barnett** (scientist, engineer), among others, all others in fact.

"So, if this was something that you enjoyed, let us all know and

suggest anything you think would be of interest, and if you would like to organize or produce the event by yourself or selves, or want assistance, just say so and move ahead with it at some mutually convenient date that does not conflict with any University or College event.

"Wishing all the best, and thanking all who attended and expressed interest and support."

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Congratulations to **Steve Jonas** on his marriage to Chezna Newman. Steve and Chezna "were very happily married with a rabbi, a reception and a honeymoon in Sweden. We really rushed into it; we've been together only 12 years. Our class was represented at the wedding by my dear friend **Joe Dorinson**."

Not exactly breaking news, but better any old time than never. Your reporter noticed an obit in *The New York Times* headlined, "Jack Oliver [45, '53 GSAS], Who Proved Continental Drift, Dies at 87," and read on. Although the theory had been put forth in 1912, it had generally been regarded as a crackpot idea until the 1960s, when Oliver, who was working at Columbia's Lamont Geological Observatory, together with his former graduate student **Bryan Isacks** found proof of the theory. In 1968 they published a paper making a convincing case that what had become known as plate tectonics was real (and important; it's now the basis for offshore oil exploration, among other things). Bryan has retired as the William and Katherine Snell Professor of Geological Sciences at Cornell.

Here's a letter from **Barry Luten**der.

"Your column in the January / February *Columbia College Today* was appreciated and very meaningful to me. I was saddened to learn that **Asher Rubin** had passed away but was pleased you clearly remembered him well, as I have."

"Asher and Al Shine were good friends of David Davis '56E and mine during those wonderful years at Columbia in Livingston Hall. Asher was literally one of a kind. His sense of humor is unforgettable, and his close friendship with Al was very similar to mine with David."

"Thanks for rekindling the wonderful memories of Asher. Please keep up the good work with the magazine."

Barry, we appreciate your kind words.

Barry retired from teaching math in the Framingham, Mass., school

system. As many of you will remember, Dave died not long after graduation.

According to the Amherst alumni magazine, **Mort Halperin**'s young son, Gary, was voted by readers of *Natural Awakenings* magazine as a 2010 Natural Choice Award winner for "favorite yoga instructor in Sarasota, Fla." The article added, "Gary remains a stay-at-home dad to three girls under 7, 17,000 diapers changed and counting." And why, you may be asking, is your reporter reading the Amherst alumni magazine? Because his daughter, Sue Dickman, was Gary's classmate at Amherst.

The class lunch is held on the second Wednesday of every month, in the Grill Room of the Princeton / Columbia University Club, 15 W. 43rd St. (\$31 per person). E-mail **Art Radin** if you plan to attend, up to the day before: aradin@radinglass.com.

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Thanks to all of you who have submitted your doings to Class Notes. I encourage those members of the class who have not done so recently to please do so. This is the only way some of us can keep in touch.

I am sorry to report that **Stephen M. Remen**, a psychiatrist and psychoanalyst, of New York City, died on January 20, and federal judge **David G. Trager**, of Brooklyn, N.Y., died on January 5. [Editor's note: Obituaries will appear in a future issue.]

Bernie Pucker writes, "During the past three years, our son Jon has been working alongside us in our gallery in an effort to continue the commitments of the gallery that go back to 1967. It is reassuring to all who visit the gallery—clients, friends and artists—that there will be a sense of continuity in what we have begun."

"I am recently back from an extraordinary trip to Germany, where I met with Jan Kollwitz, the great-grandson of Kathe Kollwitz. Jan is a potter who studied in Japan 25 years ago and has been creating pots in the Japanese tradition for the past 20 years. We are in the process of preparing to exhibit his work here in Boston."

"Additionally, I came across a Korean potter, Young-Jae Lee, and at the same time, I have added the works of another Japanese potter, Yoshinori Hagiwara, to our collection based upon our May 2010 journey to Japan."

"I must say that the universe

continues to broaden and also get smaller. Many old Columbia friends continue to wander in. It is a joy and delight remaining in touch with them through art."

From **Arthur M. Louis**: "I recently published a book of mostly journalistic memoirs, *Journalism and Other Abrocities: An Irreverent Memoir*. I spent more than 40 years as a professional journalist, about half of that as a writer on the staff of *Fortune*. There also is a fair amount in the book about Columbia College, the Journalism School and *Spectator*, where I was editor in my senior year."

"If anyone wants to buy the book (hint, hint), the easiest way is to go to the following link: createspace.com/3483153. Another way is to go to Amazon.com."

From **Alvin Halperin** we hear, "My wife and I have moved to sunny San Diego. We love and miss New York, but the weather, and our two grandchildren living close by, proved irresistible. We moved in August, and it has taken months of hectic activity to fully settle into our new condo. While not New York, San Diego is filled with museums, theaters and good restaurants that keep us busy and entertained."

Pat Mullins has been busy of late. The last issue of CCT contained news of his wife Jackie's death. He continues his report, "Fortunately, 16 months previously, I had been asked to run for the position of chairman of the Republican Party of Virginia, a position that I had not sought nor really wanted."

"After several conversations with our Republican Governor nominee, Bob McDonnell, and my

congressman (now House Majority Leader) Eric Cantor, I agreed to have my name placed in nomination. Looking back, I am certainly glad that Jackie and I made this decision, as the position has kept me campaigning nonstop for our candidates throughout Virginia and given me something to occupy my time following her loss."

"Six months after I was elected party chair at a May 2009 convention attended by 12,000 Virginia Republicans, Republicans swept the Virginia governor, lieutenant governor and attorney general races by 20 percent, only the second time in our Commonwealth's history that we have held all three of the top positions. We also picked up eight seats in the Virginia House of Delegates. I was given major credit for the victories, for reunifying and reenergizing the party and for reaching out and bringing home the business community and our conservative base after eight years of defeats, accolades which I felt were undeserved but ones I humbly accepted."

"Then this past November we followed up those victories by taking back three Democrat congressional seats."

"During this period, I visited and spoke in more than 60 Virginia counties and cities and had a driver who took me on these campaign trips."

"The week before the November elections, I joined with Rep. Cantor on a five-city swing with rallies throughout his congressional district; spent a day in Virginia Beach with our congressional candidate there who picked up a Democrat seat; and was driven on a four-day,

Columbia School Designations

In Class Notes, these designations indicate Columbia degrees from schools other than the College.

Arch.	School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation
Arts	School of the Arts
Barnard	Barnard College
Business	Graduate School of Business
CE	School of Continuing Education
Dental	College of Dental Medicine
E	The Fu Foundation School of Engineering and Applied Science
GS	School of General Studies
GSAS	Graduate School of Arts and Sciences
J	Graduate School of Journalism
L	School of Law
Nursing	School of Nursing
P&S	College of Physicians and Surgeons
PH	Mailman School of Public Health
SIPA	School of International and Public Affairs
SW	School of Social Work
TC	Teachers College

1,500-mile swing for rallies and speaking engagements in southern and southwest Virginia, where both our GOP candidates took back Democrat seats.

"The final two days before the election, I did an eight-city, two-day fly around Virginia with Gov. McDonnell, Lt. Gov. Bill Bolling and Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli, who incidentally filed the first lawsuit to have Obamacare ruled unconstitutional and has prevailed in the initial decision in the lower court.

"The crowds were large and enthusiastic. This was the second time I had joined our party leaders in a Virginia fly-around with airport rallies, and it is an unforgettable experience.

"Frankly, I had not realized the prominence and prestige that a state party chairman in Virginia has, and it's still a novelty to me to have a driver and scheduler, to be featured at fundraising events, to have folks wanting to pose for pictures with me, and at large meetings someone is always walking with me. In many cases, I have been told I was the first party chair to ever visit that particular county.

"I served on our 50th reunion planning committee and was set to attend and renew acquaintances, but my new duties as party chair prevented me from leaving Virginia. "I look forward to seeing everyone at our 55th reunion."

Eric Jakobsson clearly is very busy: "The most exciting scientific thing in my life is a new project on genetically specific antimicrobial therapy. I have come to have a great appreciation for the ability of antisense RNA to shape cell function and have, through the Nanomedicine Center I directed for five years, developed a collaboration with a wonderful nanoscientist whose group has engineered delivery vehicles that can target specific cells and deliver RNA to the interior. We have teamed up with a microbial geneticist to submit a grant proposal to NIH for developing genetically specific antimicrobial therapy via antisense RNA that would be specific to the pathogen genome. In this fashion, we hope to overcome the problems with broad spectrum antibiotics of acquired antibiotic resistance and side effects on commensal microbes. So far this is only a concept supported by preliminary data and computations, but if we get some grant money, it promises to be by far the most important thing I have done scientifically, so I am quite excited.

"In recent years my research has become interdisciplinary, publishing in journals as diverse as *Journal of Computational and Theoretical Chemistry*, *Journal of Physical Chemis-*

try B, *Biophysical Journal*, *BMC Structural Biology*, *Channels* and so on.

"I have become drawn to the concept of interdisciplinary science and have a paper in press, "The Interdisciplinary Scientist of the 21st Century," in which I argue that with modern technology for bringing knowledge and analysis and modeling tools to our fingertips, instead of having to access remote library shelves and mainframe computers, there is no barrier to individuals acquiring deep knowledge in multiple scientific disciplines, and that in fact training individuals to be multidisciplinary is essential to solving many of the most important scientific problems today.

"I took this message to a workshop on e-learning in Costa Rica, with the result that the Costa Rica Institute of Technology has decided to build a Ph.D. program on these principles, and I am consulting with them on the details of the plan. I wake up every day excited about this. It seems that this is what I have been pointing to intellectually with the earlier part of my life. I am hoping to come back to our administration at the University of Illinois and convince them that this is a direction we should go in as well. We have many very powerful departments, but in my mind there is growing evidence that the rigidity of the departments is getting in the way of tackling some of the most important research questions and of training our students to tackle those questions.

"Also, it is great to travel in Costa Rica because of the natural beauty of the country, in addition to it being a very progressive society. In December, I went zip-lining through the rain forest canopy, which is about as big a thrill as I can take anymore.

"My wife, Naomi, was campaigning last fall for re-election to the Illinois state legislature. I am very proud of her in many ways, but one way is that she is running a completely positive campaign on her record, in contrast to the horrible negative stuff that is so common. Naomi won her re-election to the Illinois House last November against a Tea Party, and Democrats held control of the legislature and the governorship. We are amused at the chaos across the border in Wisconsin and grateful for them for making us look good by comparison.

"I also have taken a fling in politics. I agreed to be appointed to a vacant city council seat in Urbana and ran for election in my own right in the Democratic primary in my ward on February 22. My opponent decided to endorse me, but I still campaigned until the end. Can you imagine how embarrass-

ing it would be to lose an election after the opponent had endorsed you? That would be worse than losing to a dead guy!

"Still keeping busy being a patriarch of my clan of eight grown children (two by birth and six adopted) and 11 grandchildren. The grandchildren are growing up. One looks as though she might be a scientist, as she is in her junior year at the Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy (Illinois) answer to Bronx Science. Others are doing many good things, mainly just being and becoming beautiful people.

"As you can imagine, in a group of young people this size, there is always something to celebrate and something to be concerned about. Next year, my oldest grandchild enters college. Time flies when one is having fun."

Clive Chajet reports, "My hair is grayer, my weight is about the same, my memory for names and faces is getting worse, and we have moved in Manhattan to an ideal size apartment for my wife of 45 years and me. My granddaughters are becoming more and more divine. I receive some very funny e-mails from classmates regularly and am somewhat busy as a branding consultant. The book I wrote some 25 years ago, *Image by Design: From Corporate Vision to Business Reality*, still sells. I get at least \$75 a year in royalty payments, and my attitude toward Columbia gets more and more positive because of our schoolmate Barack Obama '83 and the continued attractiveness of living and working in Manhattan."

The Health Coverage Foundation, founded by Marlys and Mike Bromberg, announced that it has awarded a one-year, \$100,000 grant to the American Cancer Society to help provide insurance premium assistance to high risk individuals. The grant will be used to build up through the Health Insurance and Financial Assistance Service, a program already in place at the American Cancer Society. This is a free service that connects cancer patients with health insurance specialists through the ACS National Cancer Information Center's toll-free number (800-227-2345). A new insurance premium assistance program will be added to the Health Insurance Assistance Service through the use of the grant funds. Health insurance specialists will identify uninsured callers who are at the highest risk, inform them about their options to gain coverage and help connect them with local resources.

Mike is chairman of Capital Health Group, a Washington, D.C.-based health care lobbying firm representing health care organizations.

Our space in CCT filled, I am

holding contributions from Steve Tractenberg, Lou Lucaccini, Bill Berberich, Benjamin Jey Cohen, Jerome Charyn, Jay Neugebauer, Alvin Goldman and Peter Rosenfeld for the next issue.

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From his home in Taiwan, **Syd Goldsmith** sends family reflections on the year just passed, the Year of the Tiger, and greetings to all on the recently arrived Year of the Rabbit.

"It has," he writes, "been a colorful year for all of us." All of us being Syd, his wife, Ann, son Harrison (17) and daughter Jessica (12). "The Taipei Goldsmiths," as Syd refers to them.

"Ann has created more new art than our walls will hold and has participated in exhibitions on both sides of the Pacific. Now she is collaborating with her two artist sisters in a recently opened gallery. Ann also translated for self-growth workshops in China and Bali, and she has become a superbly imaginative gourmet cook.

"Harrison walked into drama class late; the teacher pointed at him and said, 'You're dead,' leading him to being murdered twice in the Taipei American School's production of *Animal Farm*. He's an avid movie critic, and his rock guitar easily out-debils all the other instruments in the house.

"Jessica is marching toward freedom with flying colors: purple, red, green and blond, all on display at various times of the year. When she isn't dying her shoulder-length hair, she plays classical guitar and piano, enjoys having many friends and has been known to pay attention in class... sometimes."

And as for Syd, his second novel, *Two Musicians and the Wife Who Isn't*, is "with a well-known literary agent, looking for a home in a publishing industry rocked by tumultuous change. Lifelong passion for the flute leads to intense practice. I'm working toward recording several CDs as evidence that I really did play it my way."

Karl Donfried was unable to attend the 50th reunion last year. Duty called. He was obliged to be in southeastern Turkey at that time to complete a project. Karl promises that when time permits, he'll share with us the highlights of his investigation of the ancient biblical sites that compelled his attention.

A gala event on February 24, the celebration of the 70th anniversary of the first broadcast of Columbia's radio station, brought four members of the class back to Morn-

inside Heights. Joining 180 other WKCR alumni were **Paul Feldman** of the classical music department; **Tom Hamilton**, news department; **John Pegram**, engineering department; and **Bill Seeger**, popular music department. Beverly Armstrong '60 Barnard was among the celebrants. The event was held in the Rooney Arledge Auditorium and at the WKCR station.

Not all of **Bill Tanenbaum's** time is spent atop the 14,000-foot peaks in Colorado, though it may seem that way. In fact, Bill loves to travel and does so widely. He also makes it a practice to stay in touch with members of the class.

Soon after our reunion, Bill sojourned in California, meeting twice with **Bob Levine** and **Dick Dorazio**. In July, he met with **Ira Jaffrey** in Glenwood Springs, Colo. All three are in the medical profession with different specialties.

In December, Bill traveled through Israel for 16 days. Three of those days were spent with **Joel Levine** and **Joel's wife, Zehavit**. "The first two nights were in Elkana, Samaria, across the green line," writes Bill. "The last night was spent in Kinneret. They drove us through the Golan Heights and around the Sea of Galilee, ending with a delicious dinner in Tiberias. We enjoyed each other's company and got to know each other better. Joel is semiretired and enjoys traveling."

Bill's conquests of the 14'ers of Colorado have been chronicled in prior Class Notes, and those adventures prompted an e-mail from **Dick Caldwell**: "I just read through the January/February issue, and it brought back fond memories. It's been a long time since my wife, Ellen, and I have touched base with Bill. The last time was shortly after Reina's [Bill's beloved wife] untimely passing. We would really like to reconnect with him. Ellen and I will be making at least two trips to or through Colorado this year. Our son Rick has lived there for five years, and we have been frequent Colorado visitors. If we could meet in Colorado with Bill in 2011, that would be really special."

Dick provided these details of his own life: "Retirement for the past seven years has been great — golf, travel and so on. I hope Ellen and I will continue to be blessed with good health, mobility and an active lifestyle for many more years. I changed careers in my early 50s, from the apparel industry to insurance and investments. Fortunately I had many successful years in both careers, while Ellen was busy as owner/operator of her own retail operation, and, after we moved in 2000 from northern New Jersey to Maryland, eventually managed another retail operation

here until finally packing it in a few months ago. To this point at least, we have been able to enjoy the fruits of my/or our labors. We have three middle-aged adult children, none of whom has yet elected marriage, so no grandkids yet. Since Ellen turned 68 in February, and I hit 73 in March, they'd better hurry up before it's too late."

Stephen Scheiber has been elected president of the Lifes organization of the American Psychiatric Association, and writes, "In June 2010, I completed two years as president of The Isaac Ray Center, a nonprofit that provided psychiatric services to the Cook County Jail, which houses more than 8,000 detainees of whom roughly 15 percent receive psychiatric care at any one time. Hence it is the largest psychiatric facility in the state of Illinois. The Juvenile Temporary Detention Center, with approximately 400 residents at any one time, was the other correctional organization in Chicago that received mental services from The Isaac Ray Center. I continue to teach psychiatric residents in the Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine."

Another blow to the class: **Jerry Cantor** died on December 15, apparently having suffered a heart attack while jogging. Jerry was in private practice as a psychologist and simultaneously a financial adviser to a select group of investors. He had majored in philosophy at the College but his lifelong interest and passion was economics. Jerry's family published a trade magazine that he joined upon graduation. When the business was sold soon thereafter, Jerry earned a doctorate in clinical psychology at NYU and embarked on his dual careers in counseling and finance. He was a voracious reader of financial news and reports, national and global, and his keen grasp of macroeconomic trends and influences enabled him to achieve great success in managing his personal portfolio and the portfolios of those to whom he was an adviser. Upon his sudden, unexpected death, many who were counseled by Jerry in his practice as a psychologist called his sister Gail to express the esteem in which he was held and how significant he had been in their lives. He was married but briefly and did not have children, but was a devoted uncle to Gail's son and filled an important role as mentor to him. I thank **Nery Kurtz '58**, who brought the news of Jerry's death to my attention, and Gail, who provided details of her brother's life. Henry and Jerry were fraternity brothers at Beta Sigma Rho and remained lifelong friends.

Andy Feuerstein remembers Jerry's intelligence and "unique sense of humor."

Lenny Fuchs recalls Jerry as "decent, quirky and very interested in the great philosophers."

Andy's and Lenny's recollections precisely coincide with my own. A dry wit and a mordant sense of humor were characteristics that immediately sprang to mind as memories of Jerry returned when I learned of his death.

The class sends its deepest condolences to Jerry's family and friends.

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Our 50th Alumni Reunion Weekend is less than a month away. Wednesday, June 1-Sunday, June 5. It's not too late to register for what promises to be a fantastic long weekend (alumni.college.columbia.edu/reunion). In addition to great cultural events and lectures during Dean's Day on Saturday, June 4, there are numerous class-specific events where we will have a chance to catch up. Wednesday has a special evening gathering just for our class, followed on Thursday by great events on campus and throughout the city including Broadway theatre and the New York Philharmonic. On Friday, there will be a class medical panel, a class lunch in Low Library and a class dinner hosted by **Tom Gochberg** and his wife, Lettie, at their home. Saturday offers a financial panel for our class. The day will end with the all-class Wine Tasting, our class dinner and the Starlight Reception, with champagne and dancing on Low Plaza. And if you aren't completely exhausted after that party, there will be a brunch on Sunday morning. Don't miss it!

In celebration of our 50 years since our graduation, we will be conducting an e-mail survey this spring and will present the findings, as well as those from last year's survey, at Alumni Reunion Weekend. The survey will focus on alumni accomplishments and alumni perspectives on major issues. If you suspect that we might not have your e-mail address, please send it to **Tony Adler**: awadler@sparta.com. We urge your participation in the survey, as we would like as accurate a representation of our class as possible. **Herman Kane** will compile the data.

Allan J. Schwartz has contrib-



Friends and part-time neighbors at the Painted Desert Community in Las Vegas Jerry Brodeur '61 (left) and Jack Kirik '61 kicked back after a round of golf in February.

PHOTO: JOHN BRODEUR

uted the lead chapter to the soon-to-be-published book *Understanding and Preventing College Student Suicide*. His most recent scholarly paper on this topic, "Rate, Relative Risk and Method of Suicide Among Students at Four-Year Colleges and Universities in the United States: 2004-05 Through 2008-09," soon will appear in the journal *Suicide and Life-Threatening Behavior*. Allan has shown that it is the dramatically lower availability of firearms to students on these campuses that is responsible for the suicide rate among these students being half that of the general population. Suicide, he notes, is the second leading cause of death among students at these campuses.

Michael Schachter writes that his love during the past 35 years has been nutritional and integrative medicine, although he is a board-certified psychiatrist. At his center (schachtercenter.com), they see patients with all kinds of health challenges. Michael's book, *What Your Doctor May Not Tell You About Depression: The Breakthrough Integrative Approach for Effective Treatment*, offers depressed patients alternatives to the usual prescription of anti-depressant drugs. His recently published article, "Integrative Oncology for Clinicians and Cancer Patients," is available as a PDF file for anyone who is interested by just contacting his office (see website above) and requesting it. Michael has six children from three marriages with an age range of 15-40. He has two grandchildren (3 months and 5). Michael and his wife, Lisa, hope to make our reunion dinner.

Arnold Klipstein has entered his 40th year in the practice of gastroenterology in Manchester, Conn. He received a reward from his hospital for 40 years of service and for the second consecutive year has been recognized by the Consumers' Research Council of America as one of "America's Top

Melvin I. Urofsky '61 Sets the Bar for Studying Brandeis

By EUGENE L. MEYER '64

For Melvin I. Urofsky '61, '68 GSAS, Louis D. Brandeis is like the man who came to dinner — and never left.

Urofsky, a historian, has devoted decades to the legal lion of Louisville who ascended to the U.S. Supreme Court under Woodrow Wilson and, after serving on the high bench for 23 years, left an enduring mark on jurisprudence and political thought.

The culmination of a lifetime of scholarship was Urofsky's definitive biography, published by Pantheon Books in 2009 to critical acclaim. *Louis D. Brandeis: A Life*, a doorstopper at 953 pages, came on the heels of seven volumes of Brandeis correspondence that Urofsky collected, co-edited and published with David Levy, a history professor at the University of Oklahoma.

How long did it take Urofsky to write the Brandeis biography? "It took 45 years," he says, laughing.

To serious students of the Supreme Court, Urofsky's work is no joke.

"Mel Urofsky is the gold standard for Brandeis scholars,"

says Jeffrey Rosen, legal affairs editor of *The New Republic* and a law professor at The George Washington University. Urofsky, he adds, "has written a Brandeis biography for our time."

David Pride, executive director of The Supreme Court Historical Society, which awarded Urofsky its Distinguished Griswold Prize for the biography in 2010, calls Urofsky "the foremost Brandeis scholar in the country."

All told, the Urofsky *oeuvre* encompasses 52 books he either wrote or edited. His *American Zionism from Herzl to the Holocaust*, published in 1975, won the Jewish Book Council's Morris J. Kaplan Award in 1976, and his Brandeis biography won the University of Louisville Louis D. Brandeis School of Law's 2010 Brandeis Medal. Urofsky appears in a 2007 documentary, *Justice Louis D. Brandeis: The People's Attorney*, produced to mark the sesquicentennial of the justice's birth, and he has lectured at venues around the world for the State Department.

Not bad for a kid from Liberty, N.Y., a small town in the Catskills where, Urofsky remembers, he

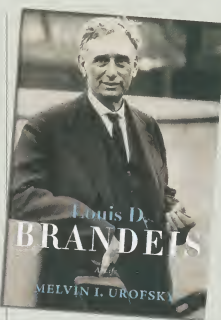
literally knew everyone he encountered on a stroll down Main Street.

His family roots, however, were on the Lower East Side. Urofsky's grandfather, a barber, "summered" in the Catskills, cutting the hair of resort-goers, then moved the family to Liberty and opened his own shop. Urofsky's father was a bookkeeper, killed in a WWII training camp in Texas; his mother was a telephone operator. Urofsky was valedictorian of his high school class of 75, in a school that had 12 grades in one building.

A local Columbia alumnus, Dr. Harry Golembe '17, '19 P&S, encouraged him to apply, and a full tuition scholarship sealed the deal. He lived in Livingston (now Wallach) Hall, entering as an engineering student but switching to history after higher level calculus and chemistry courses confounded him. Peter B. Keren '54, the great economist, was Urofsky's adviser, and Bernard W. Wishey '48, '58 GSAS, Henry Steele Commager and Walter P. Metzger '46 GSAS were among his teachers. "This was a history department of stars in those years," Urofsky recalls.

It was in Metzger's 20th-century American history class that "a light bulb went off — I could do that," Urofsky says. So he went to GSAS, with the notion that he, too, could teach. He earned a Ph.D. in 1968 in history.

Urofsky "fell in love" with an American history course covering 1877–1920 that was taught by William Leuchtenburg. This led to a doctoral thesis proposal on Brandeis' role in shaping Wilson's progressive platform for a "New Freedom." But after spending "a very happy day" immersed in the Brandeis papers in Louisville, Urofsky concluded the documents did not justify a thesis, which then became his 1969 book, *Big Steel and the Wilson Administration: A Study*



in Business-Government Relations.

By then, Urofsky was an instructor at The Ohio State University, where he began a collaboration with a colleague, Levy, that resulted in the eventual publication of seven volumes of Brandeis letters. "We got a National Endowment for the Humanities grant in 1967 [followed by several renewals], went to Louisville together and xeroxed papers," Levy says. "We brought the papers back to Columbus and laid them out on the floor of his house. We both had the feeling his wife was chagrined."

They were right. "Louis and the papers were very often under my feet," says Susan Urofsky. "They were sorting the letters into multiple volumes. There were just mountains of paper around."

Five books of edited and annotated letters were completed by 1978 and two more were published in the 1990s, after the two Brandeis scholars obtained access to the papers of Supreme Court Justice Felix Frankfurter and the letters Brandeis wrote to his family.

Meanwhile, Urofsky had carved out a career at Virginia Commonwealth University, in Richmond, where he chaired the history department from 1974–81. His Brandeis work



Melvin I. Urofsky '61 says his definitive biography of former Supreme Court Justice Louis D. Brandeis is the product of 45 years of work.

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inspired him, at 40, to enter law school at the University of Virginia, in Charlottesville, while still teaching at VCU. "I had a predictable mid-career crisis," Urofsky recalls. "I got contacts, which I still wear, and a sports car, and I went to law school. I had a good time there. I knew how to read a case, so I didn't spend four hours obsessing over what a sentence meant."

After graduating from law school in 1983, Urofsky began teaching constitutional law almost exclusively and became an adjunct at several law schools. Currently, he teaches at American in Washington, D.C., and also an occasional course or seminar at VCU.

Work on the Brandeis biography accelerated after his 2003 retirement from VCU. The original manuscript was 1,200 pages. Urofsky says he told his editor, "It's going to be a big book, and she said, 'He was a big person.'"

The book is dedicated to Urofsky's wife. When he showed her the finished product, he says, "Her comment was, 'Can Louie leave the house now?'"

The book has won several prizes, and its author seems to be on a perpetual tour promoting it and talking about the subject. Brandeis also figures in Urofsky's next book, which is about dissent on the Supreme Court. "He was the great dissenter," Urofsky says, "always writing to educate and persuade."

Thus his answer to his wife's plaintive question: "No, Louie has not left the house."

Eugene L. Meyer '64 is a former longtime Washington Post staff writer and editor of *B'nai B'rith Magazine*. He has freelanced for several publications, including *The New York Times* and *U.S. News & World Report*.

Gastroenterologists."

Arnold writes, "I remember as a child the older generation would not be happy with changes and felt our society would go downhill with the changes. Now I am the older generation and have problems with some changes. The explosion in the computer industry and electronics is wonderful, but are people going to be able to communicate in person as well as they have in the past? Texting is a new way to communicate and has brought on a new language and quicker communication, but it has contributed to more automobile accidents. We are in difficult economic times and must look for ways to cut costs. Obamacare has really changed the way medicine is practiced. Care will be restricted, especially for senior citizens. At least in my community, and I am sure in many others, your primary care doctor is not allowed to manage your care if you are admitted to the hospital. Hospitalists assume the care. I feel that your 'family doctor' can best manage your care in and out of the hospital and to leave the family doctor out of the loop is a grave error."

"Despite all the changes, I am optimistic that life will go on, the debt will slowly be corrected despite tough times for many of us and our offspring will continue to have a pretty good life."

Gene Milone is completing the proof markups for the new photography volume commented on in the November/December 2010 column. At the end of February, Gene and his wife, Helen, went to Hawaii to attend a meeting on telescopes on the big island, where he gave a talk on the infrared passbands he helped to develop. After that, they took the circum-islands cruise with a Norwegian Cruise Lines ship. In December, they cruised to the Panama Canal via Aruba and Curacao, watching a lunar eclipse en route.

As a reminder to everyone, several years ago, Tony Adler and Philippe de la Chapelle organized a "Resource Council" for classmates and their immediate family members under which approximately 80 of us offered to provide pro bono advice/assistance on questions concerning the various professional disciplines each of us has expertise in, i.e., medicine, law, banking, architecture, business, finance and so on. Classmates should not hesitate to call on each other as necessary in order to accomplish the council's mission, which is to support each other, particularly during these difficult times.

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Retired rabbi Don Splansky (don.splan@aol.com) and his wife, Greta Lee, live in Framingham, Mass., where his congregation is located. They celebrated Don's 70th birthday by taking their three children and seven grandchildren on vacation in the Florida Keys. Don now teaches religion at the St. Marks School in Southborough, Mass. Greta Lee is the operations manager of the Framingham Heart Study, which, Don writes, "all our classmates who went into medicine will know because they studied its statistics in medical schools."

To help celebrate their milestone birthdays, Joan (60) and John von Leesen (70) (jcv40@gmail.com) chose to visit the antiquities of Petra, Jordan. John writes, "The architectural facade of the 'Treasury,' which is carved out of red sandstone, is well-preserved and spectacular. We experienced the hustle, bustle and smog of Cairo, explored the ancient pyramids of Giza and toured the world's oldest Christian monastery of St. Catherine located at the foot of Mount Sinai in the Sinai Desert. Then, pretending to ride with Lawrence of Arabia, we traversed the dramatic desert landscape of Wadi Rum. Finally, we traveled to Luxor's Valley of the Kings, where many of Egypt's pharaohs were laid to rest amidst troves of statues, gold jewelry and other precious artifacts. Here we also discovered Hatshepsut, Egypt's most powerful female ruler."

Back home in Chicago and inspired by their time with the pharaohs, mummies and other antiquities of (pre-revolution) Egypt, the von Leeseons hosted an "Evening in Shangri La" at a local Asian-themed art gallery. Friends and family gathered (some in chic Himalayan attire), sipped "Tibetan Twilight" cocktails and sampled beautiful cuisine. "Our theme for the evening," John writes, "was taken from James Hilton's 1933 novel in which the residents of a fictional Tibetan monastery were perpetually happy and forever young. Seems like a nice concept for us old-timers, don't you think?"

From New York's Upper West Side, Alex Firestone (alexfirestone@aol.com) reports that he retired as a professor of physics at Iowa State University in Ames. Currently, he is a program officer in elementary particle physics within the National Science Foundation. Although NSF is headquartered in Arlington, Va., Alex can work mostly from home thanks to modern telecommunications.

The musical creativity of **Charlie Morrow** (cm@morrow.com) was celebrated in New York City for four days in October and featured in an article in the March 2010 issue of the magazine *The Wire: Adventures in Modern Music*. The article said: "From conceiving the language of fish to conceiving harbour symphonies and public events involving thousands of players, chemist turned musician and sound artist Charlie Morrow is creating a holistic Earth catalogue aimed at redressing the damage mankind has done to the planet." One piece, "Land Sea Air," an audiovisual installation using his own sophisticated system for 3-D sound playback, spans 400 million years. Charlie explains, "That's the time when life crawled out of the sea onto land, and vocal cords and ears formed. I've worked with scientists and we came up with sounds appropriate to the time: thunder, fire, reptiles hissing." Two other soundscapes within the installation focus on New York's Central Park. Charlie drew on material from the recording archive at Cornell's Ornithological Institute to make short montages featuring bird species living in the park when it was built in the mid-19th century and now. I encourage you to read the full article in *The Wire*. Charlie currently is working in Helsinki on projects with Marimekko.

From Connecticut, Anthony Valerio (avalerio@wesleyan.edu) writes, "I really can't say how I like to spend the day right now, only to say it happens a lot when I'm in the tropical heat of the Bahamas, so I go as often as I can. This past year and next are the busiest of my career, as I have one book in the hopper, two coming out in translation and am going to Italy to tour this year. The irony is sometimes we have to live long enough to see certain things happen that could not have happened when we were young. I wish I could tell all my mates to buy a copy of *Anita* (Gallucci editore) but only if they read Italian or know and like someone who does. Wishing all my classmates a lot of happiness and fun in 2011."

Looking forward to our 50th reunion, David Wallack (david.wallack@comcast.net) decided to summarize his activities during the past 50 years. Following medical school in Buffalo, David's post-graduate training was interrupted by a tour in the Army that included 12 months as a flight surgeon in Vietnam. He then completed his medical training in internal medicine in Colorado in 1972. He and his wife, Bonnie, settled there and reared three daughters. All of them attended college out of state, and all earned advanced degrees. Two

of them are married (each with two children); the third is a fellow in gastroenterology.

Meanwhile, for 34 years, David practiced internal medicine south of Denver. "In 2006," he writes, "I joined a group that provides medical services at a senior health center in West Denver. This is what I now do three days a week; I feel reenergized and have happily extended my medical career. Bonnie and I remain active with tennis, golf, hiking and downhill skiing. We'd love to meet any of you who come this way to try our slopes." Other interests include traveling, art history, serving as a voluntary instructor for a few semesters at the Academy of Lifelong Learning and competitive trivia (especially sports). David says that his 15-minute claim-to-fame is being in the Trivia Hall of Fame.

John Boatner '62 composes and performs choral music as well as directs a children's choir program in Corodova, a suburb of Memphis.

David and Bonnie celebrated their 40th anniversary last spring with a two-week tour/cruise to Alaska. Then in the fall they traveled to Peru as part of a medical mission that provided care to a group of primitive Indian villages along the Amazon River. Finally, as a reward they visited the Sacred Valley and Machu Picchu. "I'm looking forward to the reunion and hope to reconnect (and perhaps connect for the first time) with classmates," he said.

Richard Toder (rtoder@morganlewis.com) also sent an update. While he practices bankruptcy law at Morgan Lewis in New York City, he and his wife, Joan, made time to take a three-week trip to Australia and New Zealand. Richard acknowledges that "it is an endless flight and seems to take forever to readjust one's internal clock upon return, but it is more than worth it. The people are uniformly friendlier than any you will meet in the States (except perhaps NYC) and the scenery, especially on the South Island of New Zealand (think *Lord of the Rings*) is simply spectacular. The mountain chain is called the Southern Alps for good reason." Last year Richard and Joan purchased a home in Naples, Fla. Though they have not been able to spend much time there, Richard predicts that will change. He, too, is "looking forward to getting together for our 50th reunion."

Carl Jakobsson (cjakobsson@comcast.net) wrote, "I'm living at the same old nest in Bremerton, Wash. Probably my most time-

consuming activity is my math tutoring, and my second most time-consuming activity is my NAACP activity. I tutor in math at my church after school twice a week. I have six regular students: one prekindergarten, one kindergarten, one second-grader, two third-graders and a fourth-grader. They're all doing OK, and I almost always enjoy working with them."

Once again Carl was hard at work on the annual Mission Outreach Day, which took place in Bremerton on March 11. This year's event had a dual theme: 2011 is the 25th anniversary of the People Power Revolution in the Philippines and also the 25th anniversary of the first civil, diplomatic contact between the U.S. State Department and the African National Congress. That meeting took place at the ANC headquarters-in-exile

at Lusaka, Zambia, in May 1986, against a backdrop of heavy-handed repression by the apartheid regime that was then ruling over South Africa.

That beginning of businesslike diplomatic meetings between the ANC and the United States marked a sharp departure from previous practice. It was a few years after those meetings that an ANC representative at an anti-apartheid meeting in Los Angeles remarked that when the ANC started having positive contact with the State Department, they were concerned that the Americans were not feeling well. It turned out that the Americans were in fact feeling fine. Those initial diplomatic contacts marked the beginning of the development of a rational, coherent American policy toward South Africa.

Carl writes: "I hope somebody will pick up on what we are doing here with Mission Outreach Day and do a better job than we are. It deserves to be a big event: to keep alive the historical recollection of the last years of apartheid in South Africa and of the revolution that finally brought an end to apartheid and a beginning of democracy."

In Tennessee, John Boatner (jbb music@comcast.net) continues his composition and performance of choral music. Most recently, he founded, and currently directs, a children's choir program at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in Corodova, a suburb of Memphis. During the past several months, the children have performed several of

John's compositions for children's choir. He plans to ask them to sing more of his work.

Crawford Kilian (crofshaw@shaw.ca) sent an e-mail in mid-January with the sad news that Christopher Trumbo '64 died on January 8 in Ojai, Calif., of complications from renal cancer. He was 70. Crawford wrote, "Chris entered with the Class of '62 but took time off to be an assistant director on the film *Exodus*. Thereafter, he worked in film and TV, usually as a writer. Chris' credits ranged from a John Wayne crime drama, *Brainstorm*, to many scripts for the *Tron* television series. In recent years, Chris developed a stage play based on the letters of his father, blacklisted screenwriter Dalton Trumbo. This eventually became the documentary *Trumbo*, which appeared in 2007 to excellent reviews. Chris also became a historian of the Hollywood blacklist and was working on a book about it when he died. Chris leaves his wife, Nancy Escher, and sisters, Nikola and Mitzi Trumbo."

Crawford has created a blog to commemorate Chris' remarkable life: crofshaws.blogspot.com/chris-topher. I urge you to look at it.

I recently watched *Trumbo*; it is fascinating and superb—a powerful documentary about fear, intimidation and courage during the years when we attended elementary and high school.

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Robert Whelan wrote in response to my request of memories of the late Bill Shannon, "I was saddened when I read of Bill's tragic death. After a Columbia-Penn baseball game in Philadelphia, Bill persuaded me to go to a Cubs-Phillies game that evening. Bill already was working for the CUAA. He had a press pass of some kind, and we sat in the auxiliary press box by ourselves. We spent several innings pretending to do a play-by-play broadcast. Bill's knowledge of baseball was phenomenal. He would say things that required far more than the usual knowledge, such as 'The Cubs starting pitcher, Bob Anderson, hails from Hammond, Ind.' Bill loved and knew baseball, and he was a genuinely nice guy."

Bill Goebel also wrote: "I have very fond memories of Bill, having interacted with him when I was basketball manager and Bill was a member of the Sports Information Department. Subsequently, when Columbia beat St. John's in the 1968 Holiday Festival, I mentioned to Bill that I thought Heyward Dotson '70,

'76L should get the M.V.P. for his play in that game. He told me that the New York sports media was pushing for Jim McMillian '70 to get it, which he did. Jim subsequently got the Haggerty Award for three years running and, of course, starred in the NBA for many years. Bill was a fine gentleman whom I know is sorely missed by all those who knew him."

Frank Partel writes, "My wife, Mary Ellen, and I celebrated our 10th anniversary in Bourges during a trip to Brittany and Burgundy last fall. I am pleased to say she is now healthy, and we are very grateful to an excellent team of doctors. My second novel, *The Chess Players*, *A Novel of the Cold War at Sea*, was officially published on March 1. The novel is a naval story and a love story set in 1967 just before and just after the Six Day War / Arab-Israeli War. I certainly didn't want to disappoint Lionel Trilling '25, '38 GSAS, whose class I took, who once said that every time some writer wants to locate a young character in New York, he or she is a Columbia University student. Several scenes pertain to the Columbia area, and the main characters, ENS Cannon and Laetitia, are indeed associated with Columbia. There are cameo appearances by LCDR Boris Neshamkin and Lt. Max Gorin. A minor character, Professor John Meaney, is to a small degree modeled on Herbert A. Deane '42, '53 GSAS. Here is virtually a direct quote about Eisenhower, when he was president of Columbia, from the former professor of government, contributor to our CC curriculum readings and University provost, page 83:

"Again Meaney drew a very long puff from his cigarette and peered out momentarily from the window of his office across the campus to the dome of Low Library. He exhaled very slowly and seemed to use the time to review his comments before proceeding to his next point. 'He had the right idea.' Parenthetically, 'You know, we didn't think much of him when he was president here. The books in his office, as I recall, were mostly army field manuals and technical manuals, but he was our shield against McCarthy.'

"Columbia did not have people fleeing to Europe in the middle of the night. Good God! Isn't that a tragic irony? Professors fleeing America for freedom in Europe? He paused as he contemplated his own words. 'Anyway, the low-keyed activity in Vietnam with 150 to 200 military advisors—just enough to satisfy some of our critical allies and assure them that we would come to their aid in the Pacific region...'

Elliot Greher writes, "I collect books on a variety of subjects, with emphasis on synagogue architecture-

ture and history, Jewish communities throughout America and the world, Hagadahs in various languages and the work of book illustrators (primarily for English language books). I add about 10 books each month to a collection that now numbers 2,000 volumes. But I also de-acquisition books, having given away about 700 books in 1996 and about 90 books a year since then. I recently added 11 feet of bookcases to the 23 linear feet I had (and my wife's 10 linear feet of bookcases). It is fun to search out books to be acquired."

David Alpern writes, "Since my last update (January/February), the Carnegie Corporation of New York awarded a \$25,000 'challenge grant' to the newly renamed *For Your Ears Only* program on radio stations and the Internet (formerly *Newsweek On Air*), but I need to match it to get it. Positive indications from the Nathan Cummings Foundation in New York, but I won't know for sure until after our May board meeting, as my current funding runs out.

"I would appreciate any advice or contacts at other foundations or corporations interested in preserving truly 'fair and balanced' presentation of important issues and developments in all fields for the increasingly strident and slanted world of commercial radio — and getting grateful on-air credit. Also on the Pentagon's American Forces Radio Network and our weekly podcast.

"All gifts and grants are tax-deductible under our new status as a production of 501(c)(3) Gateway, Inc., a 24/7, volunteer radio-reading service for people with disabilities. You can reach me at david.earns.Only@gmail.com for more information. And check out the show anytime at radioamerica.org/PRG_yourears.htm, or gateway.org/yyeo/home or podcastbunker.com/podcast/podcast_picks_for_your_ears_only."

Lee Lowenfisch is having a busy spring speaking on baseball, especially on Branch Rickey, at New York's Union League Club, the local NYC Bar Association chapter and the University of Wisconsin-Lacrosse campus. In early June, he will discuss his new project on baseball scouting at the annual Cooperstown Symposium of Baseball and American Culture. More details available at leelowenfisch.com.

Steve Stollman has put in a bid for a citywide bike-share system in NYC. I've posted his proposal on our website, cc63ers.com.

Good luck, Steve!

Bob Kraft remains in the news. I received word that he and his wife, Myra, have given \$20 million to Partners HealthCare, which will

help launch a program to attract doctors and nurses to Massachusetts community health centers. The *Boston Globe* reported, "The gift will be used to pay off up to \$50,000 of the medical school loans of physicians and nurse practitioners, as well as to finance fellowships in targeted specialties and for master's degrees. In return, caregivers must work for two to three years in a health center or other community-based setting to care for needy patients. 'We wanted to do something to support everyone getting the kind of health care my family gets,' said Kraft, during an interview at Partners' headquarters in the Prudential Tower last week. 'What I worry about in this country are the people who are hurting the most.' Over the next five years, Partners chief executive Dr. Gary Gottlieb estimates, the Kraft donation will support more than 100 physicians, nurse practitioners, and other providers caring for about 200,000 patients."

Bob recently addressed the Boston LGBT business community, making it the first time a local team owner headlined a major event for a gay audience.

The Connecticut Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday Commission presented a "Dream Maker" Award to Justice Flemming Norcott Jr. '65.

Bob Heller missed the February lunch, but he had a good excuse. He writes, "I will be in Mexico on the beach. I'm in Los Angeles right now and seeing Gail and Gary Rachelefsky for dinner tonight. Retirement is pretty good so far."

OK, how many of us are now retired? Let me know how it is going. Also, for those of you who have decided to keep working, please write and tell me why (I figure that I might be able to afford retirement when I'm 90).

Our regular second-Thursday lunches continue to be a wonderful place to reconnect. If you're in NYC, try to make a Class of '63 lunch, scheduled for May 12, June 9 and July 14. It's always the second Thursday. Check cc63ers.com for details.

In the meantime, let us know what you are up to, how you're doing, and what's next.

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Some of our classmates have been deeply involved with the Columbia administration. For many years, Jonathan Cole '69 CSAS was

provost and dean of faculties, and Howard Jacobson '67L is deputy general counsel. At the end of June, Steve Case '68L will retire after 14 years as a trustee. Steve is a regular at our informal monthly class lunches in New York, and I always look forward to his candid, insider news of developments at the College and the University. He has been involved in the myriad issues of running a great university, and he brings them to life at our lunches. The class salutes him on his outstanding service to Columbia.

Allen Tobias reports on a serendipitous encounter with his freshman roommate: "I recently returned from what I believe, so far, to be successful spinal surgery performed at the Hospital for Special Surgery in Manhattan. My freshman roommate, Dr. Robert Schneider, was there, too!"

"Robert is a radiologist. While a radiologist is one who expertly reads X-rays, myelograms and all kinds of scans, I mistakenly thought that he is involved with radiation while treating cancer patients. It never dawned on me that Robert would be in on my case. But having read my 'films,' he confirmed the

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As I mentioned in my last column, we have resumed our practice of having a monthly lunch for classmates who live, work or otherwise find themselves in New York City. Our lunches are being hosted, generously, by Mike Cook and are scheduled for the last Friday of each month. The first lunch took place on January 28. For information about future dates, please contact Mike at michael.cook@srr.com. The January 28 lunch was attended by Allen Brill, Dan Carlsky, Neil Farber, Andrew Fisher, Joe Geneve, Stephen Hoffman, Paul Hyman, Anthony Leitner, Barry Levine, Leonard Pack, David Sarlin, Michael Schlanger, Stephen Seimig, Larry Strenger, Derek Wittner, Bob Yunch and John Zeisel.

The *New Haven Independent* reported that the Connecticut Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday Commission on January 15 awarded one of its three "Dream Maker" Awards to Connecticut Supreme Court Justice Flemming Norcott Jr. Flemming shared the awards with Rep. Rosa DeLauro (D-Conn.) and the recently elected Sen. Richard Blumenthal (D-Conn.).

A memorial service was held at Columbia's St. Paul's Chapel on January 20 for Garland E. Wood, who died on November 15. Attendees included Allen Brill, Michael Cook, Andy Fisher, Harrison Fitch, Paul Hyman, Steve Hoffman, Ken McCulloch, Flemming Norcott Jr. and Michael Schlanger. Although he was born in New York City, Garland was raised from the age of 5 in Prairie View, Texas. There, according to the memorial program, Garland learned the value of hard work by laboring at such chores as harvesting watermelons, potatoes and corn in the hot Texas sun. He was valedictorian of his class at Prairie View H.S., and in his senior year, won Texas state championship titles in tennis and basketball. At the College, Garland played basketball and ran track. He earned a B.A. in economics and an M.B.A. from the Business School in 1972.

Upon graduation, Garland joined Goldman Sachs and began his rise through the ranks in a career that spanned more than two decades, becoming the first black partner at the firm and one of the first in the financial services industry. During his years at Goldman Sachs, he became renowned as a leader and innovator in public finance, particularly in the field of municipal bonds.

A Boy Scout throughout his youth, Garland was a longtime supporter of the Boy Scouts Council

seriousness of my condition, and visited almost daily (sometimes twice daily).

"Had I understood what Robert did for a career, I might well have consulted with him and saved myself the times of increasing difficulty leading to the operating table: The radiating pain of multiple serious lumbar stenosis is no joke."

"I woke up with Robert in the recovery room. Very pleased. I continue to believe that in some purely magical way, Robert's continued protective presence provided a way to my stay of a fourth of day recovery in my lovely river-view room."

It was a rough winter in New York. As usual, Marty Isserlis escaped to Naples, Fla., but Dan Schechter reported that at his home 100 miles north of New York City, there was 60 inches of snow!

Marty Weinstein retired after 39 years as a professor of political science at William Paterson University in New Jersey. Marty is a Latin American specialist and one of the world's foremost experts on Uruguay. We wish him well.

As the deadline for this column approaches, I often get desperate for news. Help me out. Send a note or an e-mail. Your classmates want to hear from you.

of Greater New York. The Garland E. Wood Foundation also supported numerous local educational and cultural organizations, and for nearly a decade, a scholarship in Garland's name has been awarded at the Business School. He also served on the College's Board of Visitors and was one of three alumni who established the Black Alumni Council.

Michael Schlanger shared his impressions of the memorial service, which he found "remarkably touching and inspiring in many ways." Garland's sisters and brothers recounted Garland's growing up "in a large, loving, close-knit family in a sleepy, peaceful, southern college town ... but what a remarkable little college town. It was 100 percent black, the home of Prairie View A&M. Texas, being fully segregated in those days, parked all its black students at Prairie View. Although Garland was one of only four black students in our College class of 700 and had never so much as sat in a classroom with white children, he came to Columbia grounded, solemn and serene. At the service, former UN Ambassador Andrew Young, recalling his eight years as mayor of Atlanta, movingly recounted how Garland pioneered the modern science of public finance and helped build the Atlanta area up from a sleepy Southern region of 1.5 million to the 6 million-strong colossus of the New South. And how Garland traversed mainland America (and beyond), enabling countless towns to finance the infrastructures that turned them into robust, thriving cities. All with money Garland raised in the private capital markets with his brilliance, his tenacity and his charisma as a Goldman Sachs partner."

I am sorry that I could not be at the service.

REUNION JUNE 2-JUNE 5

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Our 45th reunion is less than a month away. Thursday, June 2—Sunday, June 5. It's not too late to register: alumni.college.columbia.edu/reunion. There will be a great mix of cultural happenings throughout New York City and class-specific events where we will have a chance to renew old friendships. Thursday night, there will be an opportunity to

take in a show in Manhattan. Friday offers a class tour and lecture, Mini-Core courses and a class dinner. Saturday is Dean's Day, with great lectures, including one by Dean Michele Moody-Adams, followed in the evening by the all-class Wine Tasting, our formal class dinner and then champagne, music and dancing on Low Plaza at the Starlight Reception. In between, there will be plenty of other happenings to keep us entertained. Don't miss it.

Carnival comes unusually late this year, which means that the agony of all the noise and confusion in Rio de Janeiro is lasting longer than normal. Fortunately, your correspondent is escaping all this and is writing from the relative quiet and calm of his home in Teresopolis, in the mountains about 100 km from Rio. We seem to go into "hiding" every year until Carnival has passed. My wife and I recently spent a pleasant

Steve Schwartzman '67 combined his interest in linguistics, Spanish and English by starting a blog: wordconnections.wordpress.com.

week in Buenos Aires, celebrating our 35th anniversary. I know that some of our classmates have been happily wed for longer than that, and perhaps you may wish to send an e-mail to let everyone know just how long you have been married (to the same wife, of course).

To all classmates (at least, those with an e-mail address that they wish to share with others), the following was sent in early February by Michael Garrett, Mark Amsterdam and Dan Gardner:

"In this, our 45th reunion year, we had a great opportunity to get together about four months prior to Alumni Reunion Weekend, on February 11, before and at the Columbia versus Princeton men's basketball game. At the game, we peered through the mist of time to try to compare the team and its staff with coach Jack Rohan '53 and players Stan Felsing, Dave Newmark '69, Ken Benoit '67, of our era."

Mike reported, "A dozen classmates showed up for the reception and game. Many of us had not been to The West End since it was taken over by Havana Central, so there was much talk of the old, larger bar that served anyone who had completed toilet-training and the hygienically challenged steam table that once lurked in the left front corner. Being at the game continued the nostalgia with many comparisons between the gym and the old space and between the current team and our memories of a much more eccentric and colorful squad."

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At least four of our classmates were moved by the absence of news from our class and wrote.

David Galinsky: "I'm ending the string of no entries from the Class of '67. After working nonstop for the last 40 years and achieving some local fame as a geriatrician, I'm ready to consider what I really want to do when I grow up. Volunteering, going back to school, changing careers and writing poetry are possibilities. My goal is to gradually cut back and then quit my practice on July 1, 2016, so I have time to plan my future. I'd like to hear what my cleverest classmates are thinking about or already doing as they pass Medicare age. And I don't want to hear about golf or taking cruises." David lives in Merion Station, Pa.

(Actually, I still am: I'm continuing temporarily with the Corps as a "reemployed annuitant" to assist with the transition until they can fill my position and then mentor my replacement ... but really, how easy could it be to replace a Columbia grad?)

"After getting my B.A. in economics and completing my first year of graduate school at NYU, I got a summer job with the Corps in Washington, D.C., in 1968. It turned out that I liked the people and the work, and I stayed with the Corps in New York City while I continued graduate school. And during the following few years, I acquired an M.A. from NYU and an M.Phil. from GSAS, both in economics, and I'd decided to make the Corps my career. Since then, I've worked in Corps offices in New York City, Albuquerque, Fort Worth and Dallas.

"Four weeks after I started with the Corps of Engineers in 1968, I married Phyllis, and in 1983 we adopted our son, Jonathan. Spending more time with them is what I'm looking forward to the most in retirement. Well, that and painting!"

"Not as exciting or distinguished a story as some of our classmates could tell, no doubt, but it's been a good one for me."

And finally, Jack Harris writes, "The article about Gemma Tarlach '90 in the January/February CCT (college.columbia.edu/oct/jan_feb11) provoked me to write to report that the Cleverest Class also is represented on the ice. I recently spent a field season as part of a team installing the first benthic microscope. Why? Well, because near-shore Antarctica, with 15 feet of ice above, mimics the dark, cold abyssal benthos and that part of the biosphere we know very little about.

"I am professor of biology and Distinguished University Professor at The Sage Colleges in Troy, N.Y. I also direct the college honors program and the college orchestra. I plan to retire this May and move to NYC, where my grandchildren live. Anyone have an apartment for rent?"

Don't be shy. Your classmates really do want to know what you're up to.

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While there was about 15 inches of new snow at my place in Saratoga during the last few days before writing this, spring is in the air in the city ... about time. I continue to enjoy the Metropolitan Opera and saw the production of Rossini's *Armida* with Renée Fleming; it was

great fun and great singing even though it premiered in Naples in 1817. (And of course to digress, I believe **Neil Anderson** and **Gregg Winn** live in Naples, Fla.) I looked around for **Bill Henrich**, who used to be seen there once in a while.

Bill, when are you going to be there again?

Paul de Bary skipped a Columbia basketball game for the Met a few weeks ago, but I saw him at the Columbia-Penn basketball game with his dad, Ted de Bary '41, '53 GSAS, the John Mitchell Mason Professor Emeritus, provost emeritus and Special Service Professor in East Asian Language and Culture, as the Lions mugged the Quakers for a great win. **Buzz Zucker** was there, too, and told me he had seen three great plays recently.

Buzz, you should write a piece for the Class Notes about the 100 plays you have seen on- and Off-Broadway in the last year or so.

I received a great letter from **Jay Mitchell**, and so here it is, titled, "Much Ado About Me." Jay writes: "OK, OK, so you got **Roger Berkley** to say nice things about me (he called me 'one of the funniest people' he's ever known) in a recent CCT column to flush me out. Consider me flushed.

"After many years as a consultant to the radio industry, my wife, Sharon, and I moved to lovely Fairfield, Iowa, in the mid-'80s, part of the grand, ongoing experiment on the effects of large groups practicing the transcendental meditation program. After a couple of years there, we were offered the opportunity to purchase the local radio stations for cheap, whereupon I became an owner for the first time. Success ensued, and we built a tiny group by adding an AM and FM in nearby Ottumwa.

"At about the same time, we decided that we'd had enough of Midwest weather, exacerbated by a particularly nasty ice storm wherein Sharon slid into one of the deep roadside trenches for which Iowa is famous. She did not suffer any damage, and the car only slight damage, but it stiffened our resolve to get out of there.

"After a lengthy nationwide site study, we decided upon Orange County, Calif., as our new home. We moved there a year or so after the big Y2K non-event, but I still spent nearly all my time in Iowa keeping the radio stations afloat. We sold the stations, more or less advantageously, in 2008, whereupon I embarked on the life of the semi-retired, only without the income part.

"Now I am operating several endeavors simultaneously: a newsletter for broadcasters, a consulting practice, a radio station web development business, an ap-

preciation marketing business and most recently, Daily Radio Deals, a Groupon-ish website marketed through radio advertising.

"In the 'life happens' department, about three years ago I was diagnosed with a neurological disorder that affects the right side of my body and makes physical movement a little more challenging. It hasn't gotten in my way too much, although it takes me a bit longer to do certain things. I simply allow for it and life goes on.

"Sharon and I celebrated our 43rd wedding anniversary in November. We have managed successfully to avoid children all these years, and we are devoted to our 'kid,' a 5-B. Maltese named Issa.

"There is a tiny coterie of alumni with whom I keep in touch sporadically: Roger, who is now my best friend in the whole world because of his unexpected compliment, and **Derek Vanderlinde**, who recently shed his old life and embarked on a new one as a business consultant. Maybe if I call him 'one of the funniest people I have ever known,' you'll hear from him, too."

Jay, great to hear from you. I have been to Iowa, when my brother was a professor at the University of Iowa. Orange County does sound warmer, for sure.

I decided to break with my tradition of avoiding politics. **Bob Brandt**, my wonderful roommate one summer and a great fellow, wrote a letter to a *Spectator* reporter who seemed to treat lightly the behavior of some students towards an Iraq War veteran who had lost a leg and now is a Columbia student. Bob copied President Lee C. Bollinger:

"Dear Mr. Roth [the *Spec* reporter], "I spent seven years on Morningside Heights, first as a Columbia College student ('68), and then as a Columbia Law School student ('71). I was on campus during the tumultuous Spring of 1968

and when ROTC was booted off campus. I read your recent article and want you to know that Columbia has a serious public relations problem that it needs to address. Columbia is a great institution, and great institutions should stand for and protect freedom of expression

and freedom of choice, including a student's choice to enroll in an ROTC program on campus. It tarnishes the school's reputation for ROTC not to be allowed on campus and creates an impression that the school is controlled by a liberal elite hostile to the military, which I hope is not the case. The fact that no senior University official, at least to my knowledge, has spoken out publicly to denounce the disgraceful behavior of the students who heckled the student war veteran at the ROTC hearing

is very troubling. It doesn't really matter which news outlets covered the story. Those same news outlets would cover with equal prominence a statement made by Lee Bollinger denouncing the behavior, but sadly none has been forthcoming."

Bob, in a separate note to me, added:

"I really don't know Bollinger at all, even though we were classmates at Columbia Law, but I was very disappointed with how he handled the Iranian leader's visit, and at his failure thus far to denounce the conduct of the students who heckled the soldier. I agree about ROTC. Its return to campus is way past due. Alexander Hamilton [Class of 1778] distinguished himself as an officer during the Revolutionary War. He would be appalled at how disrespectful the University has been toward our military. I know how hard you've worked for Columbia, and you must have some influence at our alma mater. I hope that you use it, and feel free to mention my displeasure. I've supported the University financially every year since 1971, in part due to my pride as an alumnus. Sadly, my pride turned to shame this week."

Bob, I have no influence at the University, but I, too, was disgusted by the reporting about the student treatment of the veteran and have heard from others who were as well. At the same time, Columbia, which received approximately 35,000 applications for the Class of 2015, is getting a diverse group of students, and I believe is politically more diverse as well. The Admissions Office is doing a great job. Columbia admissions data for the College and Engineering may well be second only to Harvard, though I suspect for the College alone our admit stats may be the best in the Ivies.

Reid Feldman, in Paris with his law firm Kramer Levin Naftalis & Frankel, is handling multiple European deals and litigation, with short breaks in Méribel, where the snow has been great this year. He has mastered the art of BlackBerry uphill, powder downhill.

Reid, Have you seen **Bill McDavid** in Paris? And Bill, have you called Reid?

I received a wondrous, long note from **David Shapiro** (editing it may be beyond my skills). He is writing, teaching, doing poetry readings and so much more with his art.

David, I have some of your art. Maybe it is time to frame it as Jasper Johns is framing it now.

Bill Joseph wrote: "I recently returned from visiting a granddaughter and grandson in Portland, Ore. Earlier, I visited three other granddaughters in Scotts-

dale. I'm working hard advocating at the state and federal level for the arts, public radio and television, social service, and educational organizations. Most recently, I've been trying to raise public funds for a \$300 million capital project at the Cleveland Museum of Art and the construction of a cultural center for Case Western Reserve University as well as for the construction of new buildings for the Museum of Contemporary Art Cleveland and The Cleveland Institute of Art. I recently received the ORT America Cleveland Region Man of the Year award, "... for his many accomplishments and his dedication to non-profit advocacy with the Jewish Community and the community at large."

Congratulations, Bill. I look forward to seeing you.

I am probably going to be in hot water for publishing the first paragraph I received from **Jon Koitch**.

Jon wrote: "You know, Art, your daughter, [Hannah] '06, was the star of the department [at UNC's renowned school of public health] this past week. She delivered a dynamic seminar on health services for LGBT. The room was packed. She has really done so much since she has been here, taken advantage of every opportunity to advance her education and making a lasting contribution to the department at the same time. You should be proud. And you probably already know that Shoshana Goldberg '08, daughter of **Ira Goldberg**, is in our department as well, one year behind Hannah. More classmates should send their offspring if they don't mind."

I am quite proud of Hannah's deep interest in maternal health and children and public health issues across the planet.

Jon also noted, "On a recent weekend, we were at our vacation home

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in the North Carolina mountains, where it should have been cold, but it wasn't. When we returned to Durham, we learned that we had missed temperatures that reached 79 degrees!

"So what about me? You could say (because it is true) that my research is taking a more biomedical twist as I explore the changes in brain structure and function among the children (now young adults) I have been following for 25 years who experienced child abuse or neglect. Like the pilgrim looking for an honest man, I am looking for grant funds to continue MRI studies on as many as consent to participate. As we look at the prospect of cuts in health and social services for low-income children and families, documenting the permanent functional and anatomical changes that growing up in abusive households may lead to might move some story hearts."

I received a brief note from **Henry Welt**. I am overdue in tracking Henry down for lunch or dinner some night. Henry wrote: "I resumed practicing law last spring and am having a great time. Somehow, it seems to give me more pleasure as I get older — maybe just a better perspective — and it is challenging and fun. At the same time, I've expanded my art licensing and brand management business, **WeltAdvisors**, and now work with several artist clients. Also, I had a great time taking an alumni mini-Core course on Contemporary Civilization. It made me feel like I was back on campus. All in all, life is good."

It is hard to believe that this summer I will turn 65, and I guess others in the class will do so too. I suspect our class will have lots to report for three more decades or so. Do send in a note. My sentence for this job may be commuted at some point before then. I hope all of you are enjoying each day. And if you can, go to a football game this fall. I predict a great season.

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I was paging through the *State Bar News* for New York one recent night and found on its back cover a photo of **John Marwell** in an ad for the Bar Association. I promptly asked him for the "back story" and for some news; John replied: "Michael — no cover boy back story — I was as surprised as anyone when I opened the *State Bar News* and was

confronted with that larger-than-life photo.

"I feel that we are at the age at which we recognize and appreciate our good fortune and the progress of our children. Jeremy (Yale, Cambridge and NYU Law) completed his clerkship this summer with Justice Sonia Sotomayor on the Supreme Court, a great privilege and an immensely rewarding experience. He now is with Vinson & Elkins in its Washington, D.C., office in a small group doing appellate and regulatory practice. He married the wonderful Jillian Lawrence, who is an attorney with Pepco. Jonathan (Bates College) is enjoying life as a bachelor commercial real estate broker in Westchester, and Julie (Cornell and St. George's University School of Medicine) is in her third year of medical school doing her clinical rotations at New York Methodist Hospital in Park Slope. Gloria and I celebrated our 25th anniversary this summer with Judge **Nicholas Garafus** generously and graciously conducting our vow renewal ceremony in the Adirondacks.

"I practice law in Mount Kisco when not engaged in bar association activities. Gloria continues to push forward as a real estate broker in Westchester and Fairfield counties and has become a cowgirl, as she has taken up riding cutting horses as a hobby (yes, like in *City Slickers*) and is competing in shows in Florida, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and New York. Some of her shows are on YouTube."

Steve Conway '71 GSAS was kind enough to e-mail me about the January/February column, so I, of course, asked him for some news. From Steve: "I exited Columbia College and GSAS with liberal arts degrees and no career in mind. Since then I've had more than 30 jobs in university teaching and administration, and then in business, that I've almost always enjoyed. At 61, I joined Boston-based industry analyst firm IDC as research v.p. for the supercomputer market. This might be my last paid gig. A big pleasure in the past couple of years was reconnecting and then staying connected with my CC roommates **Pesach Slabosky**, a celebrated artist living in Jerusalem; **Rick Altabek**, one of the top legal eagles at CBS; and **Jim Llana**, recently named associate provost of institutional effectiveness at the City University of New York. To you and everyone in our class and their kith and kin, I mainly wish good health. We all used to wonder at aging relatives who seemed obsessed with health talk, and now we're learning more what that's all about. The last exercise people of my parents' generation seemed to get was reaching out

for their diplomas. Our generation, at least those who could, continued exercising and that might help us in the long run. End of sermonette."

Since he became a U.S. District Court judge for the Eastern District of New York (sitting in Brooklyn), **Nick Garafus**'s decisions have become a frequent subject for articles in the *New York Law Journal*, and are occasionally in the news pages and even are in the editorial pages of the city's daily newspapers. Still, I was surprised to see in the *New York Post* of March 6 a story titled "Judge Garafus' mob ties." Turns out Nick is presiding over a murder trial of an individual convicted of a prior murder, and the defendant somehow had not been provided with a tie to wear during jury selection. Nick solved the problem by loaning a Brooks Brothers tie to the defendant, prompting the *Post* to craft a *Post*-like headline.

I sent out a blast e-mail to those who had served on our 40th Reunion Committee, inviting comments on how the Core courses continue to influence us, and for news. **Jim Weitzman** responded: "I was elated to get an e-mail from a fellow alumnus announcing WKCR's 70th Anniversary Dinner on February 24 in **Roone Arledge Auditorium**. Without even looking at what was already in the calendar, I immediately made a reservation. On campus, I spent almost as much time at KCR as I did sitting in class. The highlight of my tenure was having the privilege of producing a live weekly broadcast from **Greenwich Village's Cafe Feenon** every Saturday night at midnight. It exposed this Wisconsin kid to a variety of Mediterranean cultures and people. I could say that WKCR and the Feenon ultimately formed the basis of my second career: owning and operating a group of radio stations featuring primarily multicultural/multilingual programming. I've recently finished a grueling couple of years in the planning, financing, zoning, permitting and construction of the latest one, a 50,000-watt station near Washington's **Dulles Airport** that took to the air in March. I'm forever grateful for the Columbia education that opened my mind to embrace the diversity that provided the foundation for this line of work."

Joe Materna wrote: "My wife, Dolores, and I recently celebrated our 35th anniversary by taking an extensive tour of Russia, Poland and the Scandinavian countries of Sweden, Denmark, Norway, Finland and Tallin, Estonia. It was a beautiful trip. My favorites were the State Hermitage Museum and the Catherine Palace, both located in St. Petersburg, Russia, and Tivoli Gardens (which is like Walt Disney

World but built in 1843) in Copenhagen. However, having a drink at the 'Ice Bar' in Copenhagen was also quite an experience and a lot of fun. I recommend it highly! On a professional note, I am pleased to announce that in the January *Avenue Magazine*, I was named to the *Avenue's* Legal Elite list of New York City's top trusts and estates attorneys. I also recently was honored by Martindale-Hubbell with its Peer Review-Rated for Legal Ability and Ethical Standards Award for being an attorney having a Martindale-Hubbell AV Preeminent Rating for more than 20 continuous years. I am honored to have received both awards.

"After 37 years as a Law School-trained practicing attorney, I still love my job. I enjoy doing premier trusts and estates work at my Wall Street law firm in Manhattan, where I continue to be the 'confidant' and 'personal trusted family adviser' who is attentive, supportive, sympathetic and responsive to the needs of my many affluent clients in both New York and Florida. Meeting with my clients, becoming well-acquainted with them and their families, knowing their history, hearing their stories, earning their trust, and legally and skillfully protecting their wealth and estate assets for them and their families for years to come are the most rewarding aspects of my work. Getting to know the client as a person, not only as a file, is extremely important and satisfying to me as a T&E attorney. Above all, however, is the fact that I always will be thankful to Columbia College for giving me that solid foundation that has helped to make all of my past, present and future accomplishments possible. My Columbia daughters, **Jodi '99**, **Jennifer '02** and **Janine '05**, also are doing well. I am pleased and proud to report that all three of them are active in their respective classes."

I received a number of comments about the Core courses. From **Dave Sokal**: "I remember reading **David Hume** — or maybe **John Locke** — and gaining an understanding of a quote that I can't now recall exactly about how we often don't appreciate the influence of dead philosophers on today's conventional wisdom."

From **Dave Rosedahl**: "*Don Quixote*. Fantasies are fun ... sometimes become real. Who'd have believed the Germans would own the NYSE? Pursue your dreams."

And **Mark Webber**, who has an amazing recall of our college days (with specific dates), reminded me of an escapade the two of us engaged in when the pages began to fall from our copies of the *Rabalais* book in freshman year. We wrote to Penguin Press in the style

of Rabelais, but a bit cruder; Mark tells me it went something like this: "Gentlemen: We are students at Columbia College of Columbia University and are taking a course in humanities. Generally speaking, we have enjoyed reading the Penguin Books Limited versions of the various texts. Unhappily, in the case of Rabelais' *Gargantua and Pantagruel*, for those persons who read the books, the bindings came apart and thus we were unable to benefit from the erudition because the pages refused to remain in any logical order. We suggest that you train your bindings more effectively, or in the future, no school will wish to purchase copies of books that in Rabelaisian terms have the runs."

Mark adds that Penguin Books thanked us for our letter and sent us two new copies of the books—which also fell apart. Those of you who recall the reading assignment will know that Mark and I saw a perfect use for the pages that fell out of the book, since we did not have "a well downed goose." (The answer, for those who need a hint, appears in Chapter 13 of Book One, *Gargantua*.) By the way, some might not know that Lit Hum courses no longer include the written quizzes that challenged us.

Thanks to Dan Carlinsky '65 for calling my attention to the interview/profile of author Siri Hustvedt in *Scanorama Portfolio*, the in-flight magazine of SAS—I likely would have missed the piece without Dan's e-mail; the article calls Hustvedt and her husband, Paul Auster, "Brooklyn's — and America's — best known literary couple." We learn from the article that Paul always has the beef bourguignon when dining at Sweet Melissa Patisserie around the corner from the couple's home. You can tell I am in need of class news when I start reporting on what a classmate eats.

This issue appears as the Columbia College Fund's 2011 fiscal year draws to a close (Thursday, June 30). Reading CCT leads most classmates to recall their days at the College and what is special about them: the readings, the teachers, the activities, the friendships, the time of growth, the campus and more. If reflecting makes you feel like part of the Columbia community, show your active connection by supporting the College. We really would like to increase the participation rate for the Fund. Any amount from a new donor would be greatly appreciated. But, of course, the more our classmates give, the more that can be of immediate help to the current student body. Send your donation to Columbia College Fund, Columbia Alumni Center, 622 W.



A dozen members of the Class of 1971 gathered with spouses and guests at Fuleen Seafood Restaurant in NYC's Chinatown on March 13 for a pre-reunion Year of the Rabbit Banquet organized by Richard Hsia '71. Pictured (left to right) are Dr. Lew Preschel '71, Bernie Falk '71, Ray Gaspard '71, Dick Fuhrman '71, Hsia, Greg Wyatt '71, Jim Shaw '71, Ken Lehn '71, Irwin Warren '71, Larry Weiss '71, Mat Thall '71 and Joe Boorstein '71.

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Just prior to my recent five-week trial in beautiful Greenbelt, Md., I got a note from Dennis Graham bragging about Phil Russotti: "Good luck with your trial, counselor. And if you need to sharpen up any of your aggressive courtroom techniques, please consult Kailas-proclaimed football bad luck charm, Phil 'Double Barrel' Russotti, the sharp shooting trial attorney of Wingate, Russotti & Shapiro. He's lost only two of 97 cases ... or something like that."

Phil's "sharp shooting" must have rubbed off on me, as the jury came back in two hours with a verdict in favor of my client.

Mike Passow recently completed his presidency of the National Earth Science Teachers Association. In August, Mike organized a teacher's workshop for the American Geophysical Union Meeting of the Americas in Iguazu Falls, Brazil. Every month, research scientists from Columbia's Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory provide information about cutting-edge investigations for classroom teachers and students in the Earth2Class Saturday Workshops for Educators that Mike has organized for more than a decade. Mike, now in his 41st year in the classroom, teaches at Dwight Morrow H.S. in his hometown of Englewood, N.J.

Roger Crossland reports: "I finished 2010 with participation in the Molokai Hoie 2010, the world's

premier outrigger competition. Our crew raced a distance of 41 miles across the Kaiwi Channel between the islands of Molokai and Oahu alongside 120 other outrigger canoes. See article, video and photos at fairfieldcitizenonline.com/default/article/Fairfielder-braves-the-high-seas-in-premier-816073.php. "I'm a trial lawyer in Connecticut. In 2005, I retired from the Navy after 35 years of service, active and reserve (one cold war and two hot ones)."

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Our 40th reunion is less than a month away. Thursday, June 2–Sunday, June 5. There will be a great mix of cultural happenings throughout New York City and class-specific events where we will have a chance to renew old friendships. Thursday night, there will be a chance to take in a show in Manhattan. Friday offers mini-Core courses and a class dinner. Saturday is Dean's Day, with great lectures, including a talk by Dean Michele Moody-Adams, followed in the evening by the all-class Wine Tasting, a class dinner and then the Starlight Reception with sweets, champagne and dancing on Low Plaza. In between, there will be plenty of other happenings to keep us entertained. Don't miss it. It's not too late to register: alumni.college.columbia.edu/reunion.

Lawrence Thomases passed away on December 10. He was a

translator, interpreter and immigrant rights advocate.

Art Engoron: "The Chief Administrative Judge of the State of New York has elevated me from Civil Court Judge to the position of Acting Supreme Court Justice. The Supreme Court is the state's basic trial court, with original, unlimited jurisdiction."

"Meanwhile, I sold my Upper West Side co-op after 29 years there, and I now live in an apartment on Worth Street, downtown, near the courts."

Lew Preschel: "Since I retired from the active practice of orthopedic surgery in 2004, I have earned a master's in library and information science from Rutgers. I did this with the intent of working part-time or in a library associated with pharmaceuticals or medically related products. However, in the interim, writing has caught my interest. I have written a murder mystery novel, with a main protagonist, Dr. Madison Nutnick. He is a mash-up of Philip Marlowe and 'Trapper' John McIntyre. I am trying to find literary representation for the first in a series of manuscripts. I also started a blog that is co-authored by both my ego and my alter-ego, madisonnutnickmd.blogspot.com. If you drop by or have a friend drop by, you might like it. If you do, drop me a note and let me know. The least that could happen is that you can link to some fine jazz as selected from old time stuff on YouTube. "Where have the good of days gone?"

Lew, they were good ol' days, and I find them again at reunion.

Sam Higginbottom '74L: "I hope that my wife, Cyndi, and I will be able to attend reunion. I am a lawyer with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. I have more than 35 years of federal service. Cyndi and I are the parents of seven children. The oldest is 36 and the youngest is 15. I am the grandfather of five, who range in age from four weeks to 11. None of my children have attended CCT, but my youngest daughter, 15, claims that her near-term goal is to attend Columbia."

"I have many family members who also are Columbia grads. My dad, Sam Higginbottom '43E, is alive and well in Miami. Others are my dad's brother, James Higginbottom '53, my maternal grandfather, Richard Steinschneider '19; his brother, William Steinschneider (Class of 1910E), two of my mother's brothers, Dick Steinschneider '43 and Eugene Rowan Steinschneider '49; and a cousin, Pat Steinschneider '73, '76 Arch. One of my sisters, Rowan Higginbottom Maclaren '87E, earned a master's in computer engineering."

"Life has been good, and I believe it has been good in part due

to the skills learned at Columbia College and the Law School."

Conceptual artist **John Borek's** work, *A Window on the Carraigenan*, was performed in December at the Multi-use Community Cultural Center in Rochester, N.Y. His website, theprofessorfrap.com, discusses it: "In *A Window on the Carraigenan*, I attempted to recreate the chaos of commercial theater by crafting an epic disaster. In a way, I was paying tribute to Arthur Bicknell's *Moose Murders: A Mystery Farce in Two Acts*, trending Marx Brothers. [In my play, the] producer has neglected to get rights clearance, the actors leave the production before the curtain even rises, the set disappears, appropriated by a *Holiday on Ice* show, a tripartite injunction is served against performance, the stage lights fail, the director has a breakdown and the producer is eventually arrested by the FBI. New actors are recruited from the environs of the theater: a prostitute, a paraplegic, an itinerant street singer, a gormless lass walking by. The translator who has translated the play from Gaelic into Hungarian into English is pressed into service, playing a 7-year-old girl.

"The producer buys time with the audience by delivering a lecture on thatched cottages, and the street singer finds inspiration in the play's subject of Nazis of the Reich attending college in Ireland during WWII. His song, *Nazis Don't Get Stung*, becomes a huge hit. The play's original title, *A Window on the Carraigenan*, is modified to food additive-friendly *A Window on the Carraigenan* to technically thwart the injunction.

"In order to orchestrate chaos, [post-capitalist] playwright Spencer Christiano writing as Maeve Gomorra, actually wrote a two-act play modeled after Sean O'Casey's oeuvre. Two Nazis, one bad, one good, are billeted as detainees in neutral Ireland early in WWII. Based on true historical detail, they are permitted to attend university where one of them falls in love with an Irish girl. The ensuing clash of cultures and politics resembles nothing so much as an Irish/Nazi version of *West Side Story*. The play has production merits of its own and can be performed as a separate vehicle, but as I found out in this production, when you give actors perfect freedom, the play is seldom the thing. In the 80 minutes of this production, only one full page of the original play was performed.

"Instead, as the improvising actors discovered, they spent almost all of their time keeping their interpersonal relationships afloat. The prostitute tries to make a buck by attempting to score with mem-

bers of the audience; she finally succeeds, loudly, with the director in the balcony. The gormless girl, who has never been on a stage, works hard at understanding the relationship between the actor and the audience. The street musician is only interested in the promotion of his music and the paraplegic is only interested in the stability of his wheelchair on a stage full of running, jumping narcissists. The producer is worried about not being able to pay his BlackBerry bill, thereby losing his contact list, and the director finds that his reputation is no longer at risk — it has been vaporized. Of course, the playwright-within-a play, Maeve Gomorra, shows up to experience the joy of her first produced effort. The show's end is announced by a

third book? I know it was on the history of science, and I think it had a green cover. Someone must know the title of this book. Thanks."

To me, one of the many great things about Columbia was that we had shared reading and not academic segregation. Lit Hum and Contemporary Civ discussions could include everyone, regardless of major, and so therefore also could the 3 a.m. bull sessions, discussing those subjects and everything else academic or otherwise.

(For anyone not from our class reading this column, the books that Ed King refers to were those assigned to the incoming freshman class to read prior to arrival. For the reference to Summer of Love, below, see en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Summer_of_Love.)

Conceptual artist **John Borek '71's** work, *A Window on the Carraigenan*, was performed at the Multi-use Community Cultural Center in Rochester, N.Y.

real pizza delivery boy announcing his delivery on stage.

"No one, but no one, cared about presenting the play in this improvised performance. Not even Christiano, who played the director and wrote the damned thing.

"This was perhaps the most entertaining of all the Post-Cap presentations. No audience members left, and it is important to note that the audience included theatergoers who believed they were there to see a real Irish play. It was the antithesis of a Neil Simon play. There was no roadmap. Everything was placed on the backs of the actors who had no idea what crisis they would have to avert next at any given time. Yet the laughs were what I would call warm laughs. People liked the characters on stage even though these characters were being invented as they were being presented.

"My thanks to the generous talents and wonderful good humor of not only Spencer Christiano, but of Michael Arve, Cassandra Kelly, Kimberly Niles, Declan Ryan and Patrick Stefano. It takes a lot of Irish moxie to push on while the arts collapse around you."

Folks, in the Class of '71 eNews, I include not only a preview of the Class Notes but also some items exclusive to the eNews. In the issue I sent on February 26, I included this:

Ed King: "I'm trying to remember a book we were assigned as summer reading in 1967. There were three books. One was *The Greeks by H.D.F. Kitto*, and the second was *Economic and Social History of Medieval Europe* by Henri Pirenne. What was the

Within about 36 hours of sending out the eNews, I had eight replies. Seeing as how the question had struck a memory, I am including it in the Class Notes after all. In chronological order, the BUTterfield 8 are

David Menke, Lawrence Goldberg, Bill Christophersen, Art Engoron, Andrew Dunn, Terry Chorba, Steve Boss and Julio Rivera. (For the reference, see en.wikipedia.org/wiki/BUTterfield_8. And, no, these classmates do not meet in Yankee Stadium.)

As **Bill Christophersen** explained: "The third book we were required to read was Herbert Butterfield's *The Origins of Modern Science*. One reason it was interesting is that it examined the 'also-ran' theories that were in play before the important theories of optics, gravitation, planetary motion, diseases and so on got nailed down and took on the aura of inevitability. My experience of the Summer of Love was spoiled by appendicitis, but as a booby prize, I had plenty of time to read all three books. I became a lit major, but I found Butterfield's the most interesting. Only last year, I found a copy on sale by a street vendor and snatched it up."

And **Terry Chorba** added this: "Please tell **Edward King** that the third book that we had to read was Herbert Butterfield's *The Origins of Modern Science*. It was a small contributor to the heavy nudge that Columbia gave me into a career in science. I am thriving as chief of the branch that oversees the domestic field activities of the Division of TB Elimination at the Centers for Disease Control, and I hope to keep working in public

health for at least another decade."

The class has had several pre-reunion events. On February 11, there was Burgers and Basketball, with dinner at Havana Central at The West End (in what we knew as The West End) followed by basketball at Francis S. Levien Gym. Here is part of **Richard Hsia's** report:

"... cheered on throughout by Dean Michele Moody-Adams, the Lions never gave in. Nor could the game's direction or outcome dampen the enthusiasm and camaraderie of our classmates led by **Phil Milstein**, **Greg Wyatt**, **Richard Hsia**, **Hillary and Dick Fuhrman**, **Lori and Alex Schack**, and **Tim DeBaets**, who joined us from the sunny West Coast, together with Jersey game farmers **Marina and John Bleimaier**. Still looking like he could elevate the Lions' winning prospects on the court, **Bob Gallus** was there, with daughter **Marianna**, who has grown into a spectacular young woman. **Pam and Chris Moriarty** came, together with their son, **James**, who is growing into a sensational young man. **Heather Hunte**, assistant director, class giving, in the Alumni Office, gave us welcome support."

I was there in spirit only, but here in Philadelphia I listened to Penn's radio station the next night as the Lions beat the Quakers, which was delicious in its own way.

Richard Hsia organized a Chinese New Year Banquet (think of it as CNY in NYC) on March 13 at Fuleen Seafood Restaurant in the heart of Chinatown. He noted that "Our Year of the Rabbit Banquet consisted of an array of 10 delectable, as well as lucky, dishes (but no rabbit and no lion)." [See photo.]

A fine time was had by **Margaret and Joe Boorstein '72**, **CSAS**, **Vivian and Bernie Falk**, **Hilary and Dick Fuhrman**, **Ray Gaspard**, **Peggy and Richard Hsia '74L**, **Ken Lehn '74L**, **Carole and Lew Preschel**, **Jim Shaw**, **Mat Thall** (from Boston), **Liz and Irwin Warren '74L**, **Wendy and Larry Weiss**, and **Fay and Greg Wyatt**, as well as by **Ken Catandella**, senior executive director, University events and programs, Office of Alumni and Development, and his wife, **Victoria Augustine Catandella '80** Barnard; and **Heather Hunte**, assistant director, Columbia College Fund, and her sons, **Jonathan** and **Matthew**.

I came from Philadelphia and had the pleasure of meeting up with and walking and talking the three miles from Penn Station to Chinatown with **Steve Boss '76** SW, '78 Business, and back with **Ron Bass**, each of whom was attending family events during the time of the dinner.

Remember 44 Septembers ago, and the feelings we had, including of adventure, as we entered Colum-

bia College. We are still connected. See ya at reunion!

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Neil Izenberg has an interesting adventure to relate: "At the end of January, I was invited to a small White House Women's Online Summit. Yes, I know I'm not a woman, but KidsHealth.org, which I founded and head, is one of the web's most-visited sites reaching mothers and families. Along with me, a score of executives from sites such as Yahoo, WebMD, Oprah.com and others heard from a stream of senior officials who briefed us on what the administration is doing in business, health, education and other areas that impact women and families. Earlier in the day, we had an unexpected 'meet and greet' in the East Wing with Bo (the Obama girls' Portuguese Water Dog), but that visit was one-upped by a surprise drop-in by President Barack Obama '83 himself, who popped in to spend about 30 minutes giving us his perspective and meeting us individually. In the excitement, though, I forgot to tell him we were fellow Columbia alums and that an invite to next year's White House Seder would not be declined. Oh well. Next time, perhaps."

Congratulations to Al Neugut, whose son, Zachary, made the list for early admission to the Class of 2015! Al, who stayed on to receive an M.D. and a Ph.D. from Columbia, is the Myron M. Studner Professor of Cancer Research and Professor of Medicine and Epidemiology at Columbia.

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Not so much this time, fellas. Please make the effort to send in a missive, a thought, a comment.

Fred Schneider and his wife, Harriet, have lived in Brooklyn Heights since 1981, the year he left the Kings County D.A. Harriet is the director of the Office of Counsel for Children in New York's Second Judicial Department and has held that position for more than 20 years. They have two daughters: Lauren, an officer at Bank Leumi USA in Manhattan, and Stephanie, who is deciding which law school to attend in the fall. Fred is a partner at Gilman and Schneider, which he founded in 1989; the firm specializes in family law, matrimonial law, divorce, custody, support and so on.

Fred and Mike Byowitz have been discussing our 40th reunion, just two years away. Fred hopes to see many new faces, especially those who have not attended reunions.

Bob Shea earned an M.B.A. at Columbia right out of college (as did I), then had two long careers, one in advertising and another in consulting. He has been back at the B-School for the last six years as senior associate director of admissions, a move he recommends (returning to campus) as he has "come full circle."

Christopher Koefoed spent 32 years in Los Angeles, in the film biz, editing such films as *Menace II Society* and *Gridlock'd*, as well as teaching film production at the Art Center of College Design and screenwriting at UCLA Extension. He also wrote a "teleplay" for BET, *Playing with Fire*. In 2006, Christopher moved to Washington, D.C., to work with his brother Erik in the family business, The Palisades Pizzeria & Clam Bar (palisadespizzeria.com), right outside of Georgetown. It serves thin-crust, New York style-pizza (they're from the Bronx).

Tragically, in February 2009, Christopher's only child, Gabriella, was killed by a speeding motorist in Baltimore. She was 22 and was due to graduate from Maryland

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Institute College of Art that year. He has been working on projects to honor and remember her; the best one so far has been the Gabriella Milagro Koefoed Endowed Scholarship Fund at Howard University. If anyone wants to contribute, it's coas.howard.edu/development.

Christopher, we all feel your pain. Anyone wishing to reach out to Christopher can do so at gabriella4ever@verizon.net.

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Maybe fate destined our class to be surrounded by revolutionary amniotic fluid where the status quo was constantly challenged! After our quaint post-Eisenhower "Ozzie and Harriet" upbringing, we came of age in high school just as the "counterculture" movement was in full throw (including "free love," chemical mind expansion and the like ... you know, all those things you council your kids against!).

When we came to the College, it was the time when fierce national debate erupted over the Vietnam War, abortion, feminism, gay rights and a whole host of other issues.

Now I am reminded by the current turmoil in the Middle East that we were literally born during the moment in history when the Egyptian Revolution of 1952 abolished the constitutional monarchy and, in 1953, Egypt was declared a republic. As Wikipedia says, "The success of the revolution inspired numerous Arab and African countries to remove pro-Western ... monarchies and potentates." How could our forming DNA resist these powerful influences?

When you think of nominees for "class revolutionary," not a slim number of nominations would be cast for Arthur Schwartz. While on campus, he was active in all sorts of liberal causes, and this has continued during the past four decades. More on this later, but first we need to nominate him for the class "The Dog Can Still Hunt" award (also known as the classmate with the youngest child). Diligent readers of the column know that the two youngest I know of are Reilly (son of Abbe Lowell) and Eli (son of Jonathan Cuneo); both fathers are Washington, D.C., lawyers. Now comes Arthur

wondering if his kids (5 and 7) give him the title. Any other challengers waiting in the wings?

Arthur's note added that, coincidentally, he needed to call in Abbe's assistance during 2009-10 for work involving several criminal investigations while Arthur was general counsel of what he calls "the notorious ACORN" (the now-defunct Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now). Arthur said he and Abbe "spent a lot of time talking about the old days, him as a student representative to the University Senate and me disrupting the senate. Recent alliance worked well. No criminal charges filed anywhere."

Might as well get the last piece of Abbe news on the table: While I was surfing the web for updates on the WikiLeaks circus, up he popped, being described as the "espionage expert at the law firm McDermott Will & Emery." And I always heard Abbe described as a "white collar criminal defense lawyer." At any rate, it is good to have our own '07 in the class!

Curious to learn if the economic recovery is hitting the heartland, I

reached out to Mark Rantala, v.p. and director of retail sales at CB Richard Ellis (commercial real estate) in Westlake, Ohio. Mark confirmed that real estate is starting to pick up. However, he seemed more caught up in picking colleges for his oldest daughter, Shannon. Family trumping career, an increasingly common occurrence.

An update came from Richard Briffault, the Joseph P. Chamberlain Professor of Legislation at the Law School. You might recall that the Senate confirmed his wife, Sherry Glied, as assistant secretary for planning and evaluation at the Department of Health and Human Services. That's the good news. But this new career means Sherry commutes from New York, going to D.C. on Monday morning and returning to New York on Friday evening. This leaves professor / Mr. Mom Richard "here teaching, sluggishly writing a book, doing some other projects and taking care of the kids (who amazingly have reached 15 and 12)." Richard adds that this position has included taking the kids to various sporting events: Olivia to a fencing competition in Dallas and Jonathan on various hockey trips to New Jersey and Westchester. Richard says, "Given my total lack of athletic ability, I find this unattractive."

The early decision admissions for the Class of 2015 (if you can believe it) include four children of classmates. [Editor's note: A list of alumni legacies for the College and Engineering Class of 2015 is scheduled for the September / October issue.] The following is some brief information about the admitted kids and their dads. Please note that, for the first time in class history, all four of the early admit legacies were women!

Rachel Bercovitz will come to the College from Baltimore, where she attended Beth Tfiloh Community H.S. She is the daughter of Dr. Barry Bercovitz, an endocrinolo-

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gist at the Johns Hopkins Community Physicians group and who is affiliated with the Johns Hopkins Hospital. Barry's practice covers diabetes, metabolism, endocrinology and internal medicine.

Isabel Genecini is from Larchmont, N.Y. (in nearby Westchester), where she attended Mamaroneck H.S. Her dad, **Victor Genecini**, is of counsel at the Midtown Manhattan law firm Squire Sanders.

Brina Seidel attended Bethesda-Chevy Chase H.S. in Chevy Chase, Md. Father **Stephen Seidel** is v.p. for policy analysis and general counsel at the Pew Center on Global Climate Change. He directs the analysis of the climate change policy initiatives of the legislative and executive branches of the federal government. Steve formerly was the director of the Stratospheric Protection Program at the EPA. (To Tea Party members, it might sound like he was involved in analyzing the national debt, but in reality Steve was more concerned with the ozone.)

Victoria Van Amson is finishing up at the Nightingale-Bamford School in Manhattan. Her father, **George Van Amson**, is a managing director at Morgan Stanley in Midtown Manhattan and former two-term Columbia University trustee.

Congratulations to each of the young ladies and their families!

Looks like another progeny of a classmate will have the potential to become a neo-"Microsoft Millionaire." First, we learned that **Rob Knapp's** son was at Facebook, and now **Kevin Ward** tells us that his eldest, Matt '11, is about to start working at Google on the West Coast. "Very proud of him," crows Kevin. Kevin himself is spending his pre-retirement years paying college tuition bills ("more than \$100,000 a year") and attending basketball and lacrosse games ("which I love"). His second child, Mark, is a sophomore at Fordham on a pre-med track. His third, Jamie, is off to Holy Cross in the fall (recruited by lacrosse) and his "baby," Brian (15) is the starting point guard for Bergen Catholic's freshman basketball team. Kevin still plays rock 'n roll in a local bar, "but playing two or three times a year doesn't make this a likely retirement pursuit!" He also recently celebrated his 35th year at Merrill Lynch as a financial adviser. "I wouldn't want to do anything else," he says. "Life is good and very, very full."

Do you realize that two-thirds of our life stories have been written since we first set foot on Morning-side Heights? A lot can happen in four decades! Consider the "spiritual journey" of **Bryan Berry**. He writes, "I deserted my Christian (Protestant,

mainly Lutheran) upbringing when I went to Columbia (pretty typical). But it was at Columbia that I first read St. Augustine's *Confessions* and Dante's *Inferno*. I didn't return to the faith until 1978, when I began going to a Lutheran church in Midtown."

Bryan later studied the religious controversies between Protestants and Catholics while he worked on his Ph.D. dissertation at Michigan. "I became convinced that God has unfolded his truth over time in the Roman Catholic Church. I joined the Catholic Church in 1995; two years later, the rest of my family joined." Bryan is taking classes to become a member of Opus Dei.

While at Columbia, Bryan was a typical liberal English major. During the past decade, he taught literature and journalism for several years (most recently at the University of St. Francis in Joliet, Ill.) and for the past three years has been a freelance writer and journalist, writing for the *American Metal Market*, *National Catholic Register* and other publications. He also is writing a book on literature and 16th- and 17th-century religious controversies. His oldest child, Adrienne, is a clarinetist in the U.S. Army Field Band (based at Fort Meade, Md.). His middle child, Joanna, has joined an order of Catholic nuns (Servants of the Lord). His youngest, John, is about to graduate from the University of Illinois and will then be commissioned as an ensign in the Navy the next day. He will attend flight school at NAS Pensacola in Florida starting in October.

There you have it. The discovery of powerful forces that have made our classmates "agents for change." News of great achievements of our classmates and their children. And the tale of an amazing spiritual journey. If you have something to share of you or your family with your friends of 40 years, please take a moment to send an e-mail. As the Grateful Dead said, "What a long, strange trip it's been!"

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Adding to the list of multi-generational Lion families, Julia Selinger and Matthew Suozzo are early admits for the Class of 2015. Julia is the daughter of **Neil Selinger** and Rima Grad and currently attends Mamaroneck H.S. Matthew, who is headed for Engineering, is the son of **Mark J. Suozzo** and attends Hunter College H.S. in New York City. "Bring it on," was **Randolph McLaughlin's** response to the village of Port Chester, N.Y.'s plans to appeal the village's current cumula-

tive voting system. The unusual arrangement was allowed under a 2008 court order.

As if he isn't busy enough, **Bob Schneider** has been elected corporate secretary of the University of Pennsylvania Club of Long Island. Bob is special counsel at Cuddy & Feder. Some day, we may open a dictionary and see Bob's picture. "I'm just not sure whether it will be next to dedication, loyalty or pride. Bob gives back to both Columbia and Penn (his children all did undergraduate work at one or the other), was devastated when his Catholic grammar school was slated for closing and is involved in other charities and volunteer work. You go, Bob!"

Spring seems to be in the air in Baltimore. Tax season is winding down. I thank the IRS for maintaining moving, home interest and other itemized deductions, including those for charitable giving. I'm proud (as a Lion!) to write checks to Columbia, and even happier when I deduct the donations. When you get that call or letter from a classmate, please be proud to do the same. You also can give online any time: college.columbia.edu/giveonline.

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Our 35th reunion is less than a month away, Thursday, June 2-Sunday, June 5. Join your classmates and their families for cultural events in New York City and mini-Core courses as well as class-specific dinners, discussions and cocktail parties. Saturday is Dean's Day, with lectures from some of Columbia's best, including Dean Michele Moody-Adams, followed in the evening by the all-class Wine Tasting, our class dinner and then the Starlight Reception, with sweets and champagne plus music and dancing on Low Plaza. Don't miss it. It's not too late to register: reunion.college.columbia.edu.

Bruce Black reports that since his 50-something knees no longer can take the stress of running, he switched to yoga a few years ago and discovered a new passion that led to his book, *Writing Yoga: a*

Guide to Keeping a Practice Journal, available this spring from Rodmell Press. Bruce lives in Sarasota, Fla., with his wife (a professor at New College) and daughter (who recently got her driver's permit), and welcomes friends and classmates to drop by if they're ever exploring the beauty of Florida's west coast. You can reach him at bruceblack@gmail.com.

Mark Heller passed away in Potomac, Md., last October. He was married for 27 years to Connie and also is survived by his children, Danny and Laura. He was an active member of Temple Beth Ami in Rockport, coaching MSL soccer and singing in the choir for 20 years. The family welcomes contributions to the Fund for Innovation or the Tikken Alan Committee at Temple Beth Ami, 14330 Travilah Rd., Rockville, MD 20850.

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Some of the notes I get are what I call meaning-of-life messages. I received a couple of splendid ones from **Artie Gold** and **Bill Dorsey**.

In August, Artie had his third child, Eliza Rose ("I'm slow but making up for it"). It was on Christmas Eve 2009, as I reconstruct the dates, that, as Artie puts it, "it was only the combination of being in just the right place at just the right time (and an on-call cardiovascular surgeon with a hot hand) that kept me from being referred to in the past tense in that other section of CCT. And I've had one of those recoveries that makes the docs shake their heads and smile." Factor in Eliza Rose's arrival about eight months later and, if you were Artie, you too would say, "Indeed, life is good."

Meanwhile, Bill, in fall 2009, moved to a new position after 19 years as a social worker and social work manager at the Kaiser Permanente hospital in Santa Rosa, Calif.; he is now a palliative care social worker at the outpatient clinic. "I've been providing counseling to patients affected by advanced cancer and other illnesses. These chronic and often life-shortening conditions can impact a person's physical, emotional, social and spiritual coping. I work closely with the doctors, nurses, chemo pharmacists and the rest of the team to help patients live with the best quality of life possible. I include their family in the counseling to help them cope, too. It can be challenging and rewarding, and I always am impressed with the strength, hope and gratitude that people can demonstrate in the

toughest of times." He goes on, "I play drums regularly at our church and with a couple of jazz bands. The artistic and spiritual outlets help keep me centered."

Bill also wants us to know that son Brendan is a freshman at The George Washington University, while son Brian is a freshman in high school, and that Bill is "grateful every day for the love and support of my wife of 25 years, Lynn."

From Florida, we hear that **Charles Trippé '79L** has been named general counsel in the governor's office. After graduating from the Law School, Charles did litigation work in New York, Massachusetts and Florida. He was general counsel for litigation for CSX Transportation, and then worked in civil litigation as a partner at Moseley, Prichard, Parrish, Knight, and Jones in Jacksonville. Now he will be handling the legal issues of a state, no less.

Congratulations and more importantly, good luck.

Greetings also come from **Arto Becker** and **Jeffrey Allen**. Arto is a lawyer in Los Angeles who describes his life as "simple." He explains that he has been "practicing for more than 30 years in the same firm," and has "grown children who make me very proud." Jeff describes his "fond memories of playing 158-lb. football. It was 1973, and we hadn't won a game in four years. It was like the Super Bowl when we beat Penn." Injury shortened Jeff's playing career and his time at Columbia, but though he transferred to a rival institution, he notes that "Columbia still considers me an alumnus (at least for fundraising)."

Finally, I know that we've all been thinking about **David Paterson**. Not to worry about the Hofstra Law grad and former governor. According to *Newsday*, at least for this year, he'll be at NYU, teaching courses on government and public policy. Though not a tenure-track post, it's still a job, and we wish him well.

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DeMoyle Howell went to medical school at Hahnemann University Hospital in Philadelphia and completed his residency in internal medicine at Bryn Mawr Hospital. He

spent two years with the National Health Service and completed his anesthesia residency at Hahnemann. He is an anesthesiologist practicing in Newport Beach, Calif.

Vincent Sama joined Kaye Scholer as partner in the firm's litigation practice and co-chair of the commercial litigation department. He previously was a partner at Winston & Strawn.

Robert C. Klapper: "This issue's topic is vacations. I hope we have all achieved in our lives that beautiful balance between work and play. We are all hopefully at that point in our careers where an expertise in our field has been achieved. With the years of hard work and stress, one needs a timeout. Our vacations come in one of two varieties: either returning to visit a Shangri-La second home, where you feel so comfortable because you know the routine, or embarking on a trip to a locale where you have never been and what awaits you is an adventure and newness to delight all your senses. I divide my time between my work here in Hollywood and my second home in Honolulu. So to all of you from the Class of '79, I give you an open invitation that when you travel with your families to either of these locations, please feel free to contact me for the locations of diners, drive-ins and dives that you won't read about in the guidebooks.

"I am here to remind you, as the late great cartoonist Saul Steinberg from *The New Yorker* illustrated in his classic magazine cover, that there is a whole lot more to life than driving on vacation to ... New Haven, Conn."

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"Take me out to the ball game,
"Take me out with the crowd.
"Buy me some peanuts and
Cracker Jack,
"I don't care if I never get back.
"Let me root, root, root for the
home team,
"If they don't win it's a shame.
"For if it's one, two, three strikes,
you're out,
"At the old ball game."

There is nothing better than watching the baseball team play at the new Satow Stadium. Coach Brett Boretti has the squad playing some of the most competitive games we have ever witnessed, and we are glad for our coaches' and players' success.

We have had tremendous alumni support, as the stands are full of us old-timers. At Homecoming last fall,



The only thing better than the annual Burgers and Basketball event on campus in February is spending it with old friends. Carman roommates (left to right) Harvey Cotton '81, Ernie Cicconi '81 and A.J. Bosco '81 enjoyed the pregame ritual with their daughters (left to right) Leah Cotton, Samantha Cicconi and Anna Bosco.

PHOTO: CATHY COTTON '83 BARNARD

we dedicated the baseball/soccer locker room on behalf of **Eric Blattman** and his family. Eric gave a wonderful speech between games, and his teammates John McGuire '84, Ray Comisso, Larry Biondi and Ray Stukes wished him all the best.

Ray Comisso is at Thomson Reuters, where he is in charge of designing many of the fixed income applications, such as Terms and Conditions pages, New Issues pages and calculators that appear on the Xtra and Eikon Fixed Income platform. Ray's experience as a fixed income trader, portfolio manager and former Reuters client was something the company needed in building its data products, so that the end result is user-friendly instead of the product of academics and developers who do not understand what clients need to see and use in the workflows of the typical financial market participant.

We ran into Steve Spence '82 at the Ivy football dinner. Steve is building a wealth management business with Morgan Stanley Smith Barney in Midtown.

Congratulations to **Phil Adkins** and **David Sherman** on their children's early admittance to alma mater, Class of 2015. We wish both **Nastasia Adkins** and **Adam Sherman** the best of luck.

Jim Gerkis and I attended the annual John Jay Awards Dinner on March 2 and want to remind you to consider a gift to the Columbia College Fund. Give at college.columbia.edu/giveonline or mail a check to Columbia College Fund, Columbia Alumni Center, 622 W. 113th St., MC 4530, 3rd Fl., New York, NY 10025. We have come a long way in our fundraising efforts, and we need your support.

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[Editor's note: CCT thanks **Jeff Pundyk** for his six years of service as class correspondent and will welcome back **Kevin Fay** (kfay@norcapital.com) in the July / August issue.]

A fine time was had by all at the February 11 Burgers and Basketball night on campus and at Havana Central at the West End, if you managed to avoid the actual burgers and largely disregarded the b-ball part of the evening, that is, and maybe if you were able to discount some of the more personal health-related confessions that came spilling out around the bar. Still, it was great to see classmates and reminisce about when we were all taller, faster and stronger. On hand for the evening were **Kevin Costa**, **Mark Hansen**, **Erik Jacobs**, **Derek Johnson**, **John Luisi**, **Brian Krisberg**, **Sergey Kudrin**, **Jay Lee** and **Carman roommates A.J. Bosco**, **Harvey Cotton** and **Ernie Cicconi**. (See photo.)

Think of it as a rehearsal for the reunion. And, frankly, some of us need a little work before the actual event, which is scheduled for Thursday, June 2-Sunday, June 5. The weekend will be great, with plenty of cultural activities, Dean's Day on Saturday, mini-Core courses, tours, cocktail parties, dinners, the all-class

Wine Tasting and the Starlight Reception, which features champagne, sweets, and music and dancing on Low Plaza. Don't miss it! It's not too late to register: reunion.college.columbia.edu.

It's also not too late to edit down some of those stories, make the necessary adjustments to waistlines and hairlines, and hire whatever escorts seem appropriate.

Dave Cook is doing his part. In addition to his food blogging and restaurant reviews, Dave has put together a blog on Columbia bands from our era. Read it and weep for our lost youth: columbiabands.com.

John Luisi checks in from the outermost of the outer boroughs: "I'm the new agency chief contracting officer at the NYC Board of Elections, so all contracts for goods and services will go through my office.

John Luisi '81 is agency chief contracting officer at the NYC Board of Elections.

My staff and I will do our best to bring the highest quality goods and services to our agency at the most competitive prices. There, I said it. But more importantly, I'm starting the cycling season 20 pounds lighter than I did last year. Maybe I'll finish that 13th century ride."

Speaking of cycling, Daniel Monk continues to live in a fantasy world, chasing an imaginary peloton from his perch on his stationary bike. Team Monk keeps a ready supply of Cheez Doodles and Bud Light on the support vehicle (i.e., the couch).

Our class had its usual fine showing among early admissions this year for the Class of 2015. Let's give credit to the fine DNA of the mothers of the children of Hilary Hanchuk, James Kaufman, Jay Lee (who is three for three now), Michael Strauss and Ronald Strobel.

Richard Ruzika, a Goldman Sachs executive who runs the firm's special situations group, is retiring.

And with that, I am retiring, too, from this lofty post. I'll be passing the class quill back to Kevin Fay (kfay@norcapital.com) with the sage words he neglected to say to me when he passed it to me 10 those many years ago: "No backies."

See you all in June.

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Greetings gentlemen, I trust all is well with all of you. None of you slug-a-beds wrote this period.

Nonetheless, we have some happy news.

First and foremost, Frank Lopez-Balboa is undoubtedly bursting with pride upon learning that his daughter Olivia will attend the College in the fall. It's darn near impossible to get into the College these days, so major kudos for this! I have it on good authority from Louis De Chiara that Olivia is a wonderful person and a superb student.

Closer to home, WR Managed Accounts, a privately held provider of managed account and technology solutions for hedge fund investments, announced on February 18 a strategic partnership with Duff & Phelps, a leading financial advisory and investment banking services firm, and Harcourt Investment Consulting AG, a preeminent Zurich-based alterna-

tive asset management company and part of the Vontobel Group, an internationally oriented Swiss private bank. The partnership will enable the firms to develop unique technology-based solutions that provide transparency for hedge funds and their investors. "Why should I care?" you ask? I'm the CEO of WR. Hey, even a broken clock is right twice a day.

Looking forward to hearing from you. I have two free tickets to the next Brooklyn Giants home game for each of the next six contributors.

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Andrew Barth '85 Business was presented a 2011 John Jay Award for distinguished professional achievement on March 2 at the annual John Jay Awards Dinner. The citation presented to Andy, commemorating his achievements, stated, "In today's global economy, leading a multinational company is one of the most challenging and rewarding jobs. Your tenure at the Capital Group Companies has been impressive, and your 25-year commitment to the company has occurred during a period of significant expansion. In your many roles at the Capital Group, you have overseen a global expansion while maintaining an active role in the investment process.

"You are a native New Yorker, born in Queens, and you majored in economics at the College. You graduated summa cum laude and Phi

Beta Kappa, and were named an All-Ivy wrestler. In 1985, you earned an M.B.A. from the Business School. You continued to live your passion for wrestling by competing for the New York Athletic Club, achieving state, regional and international honors in Greco-Roman wrestling. You have spent your entire professional career at the Capital Group, beginning as a financial analyst covering automotive and financial companies with Capital Guardian Research. As a research director for 15 years, you oversaw Capital Guardian Research's development into a global organization and its evolution into Capital International Research. You have risen through a series of executive and investment roles during the past two decades to become the chairman of the Capital Guardian Trust Company and Capital International Limited. You have been an important contributor to the growth of the Capital Group from \$25 billion in assets under management in 1985 to \$1.2 trillion today.

"You are an active member of your community and a dedicated public servant. You were twice elected to the Board of Governors of the San Marino Unified School District, serving from 1997-2005, with three years as president. You worked to put in place the foundation that has earned San Marino the highest Academic Performance Index ranking of all unified school districts in the State of California for seven consecutive years. You have been a trustee or overseer of The American Ball Theater, The California Science Center Foundation, The Center for the Study of the Presidency and Congress, Pomona College, and The Huntington Museum, Library and Gardens, as well as the Business School. In 2005, you endowed the varsity head wrestling coaching position at Columbia, now known as the Andrew F. Barth Head Coach of Wrestling. At the time, you spoke about the impact that wrestling had on your life: 'Wrestling taught me many valuable lessons about life, lessons I use every day. Discipline, persistence and hard work really do make a difference. Some of the best times in my life and some of my best memories are due to wrestling and being a part of this team. Columbia was a wonderful experience, and I received a great education.' You are a thoughtful and caring husband to your wife, Avery, and a loving father to your children, Emily, Catherine, Andrew Jr. and Avery Vivian. In recognition of your work as a financier, Columbia College is proud to present you a 2011 John Jay Award for distinguished professional achievement."

Andy has been a tremendous

supporter of the College, and the Class of '83 congratulates him on receiving this much-deserved honor.

Michael Oren '77 also received a John Jay Award that night. Michael is the Israeli Ambassador to the United States and a former student of Professor Karl-Ludwig Selig. Michael extended a personal invitation to KLS to attend the dinner and referred to KLS at the "incomparable Karl-Ludwig Selig" during his remarks.

Kevin Cronin: "I met Barack Obama in college — there, I said it — and it's time to put to bed the mystery of Obama and college life. First, let's talk about misplaced arrogance. Lots of people say they didn't know him in school, despite common commitment to political science and pre-law (gosh, there's a small group for you), yet Obama went on to Harvard Law and the presidency. Maybe he had better things to do? At any rate, it worked for him. Here's my meeting with 'the man who would be President.' It was late on a weekday, probably in March or April 1983, and I was with a group of students editing *Sundial* newsmagazine. The Black Students League, which also had an office on the third floor of Ferris Booth Hall, was leaving from a meeting, and the students trickled down the hall to the stairwell. One student, the future President, walked by our open door and recognized one of the editors and looked in, shouting a friendly greeting as he poked his head in the open doorway. The future President, realizing there were others in the office working, smiled and went on down the hallway and was gone. That's it. End of story. So what do we conclude? What does this one instance establish about our President? Not much, I'm afraid; perhaps that the future President was friendly, gregarious and involved during his college days. I suppose some things don't change (though it doesn't necessarily help dealing with Republicans in Congress). Best wishes. I hope you are well."

The following are early admit legacies to the Class of 2015: Samuel Lutzker (Las Lomas H.S., Walnut Creek, Calif.), son of Stuart G. Lutzker, and Samuel Stevens (Academy for the Advancement of Science and Technology, Haworth, N.J.), son of Peter Stevens.

On March 5, my wife and I hosted about 50 Columbia graduates and students at our home prior to Columbia's final home basketball game of the season. It was great to see Dennis Kleinberg '84, class correspondent, tireless supporter of Columbia College, former marching band manager and inspirational friend to Professor Selig. Kevin Chapman

showed me a stunning photo of his wife, Sharon '83 Barnard, who competed in the last New York City Marathon. Kevin beat my son, David, in chess. My wife praised Kevin for having the skills necessary to beat a 6-year-old. David has been invited to compete in the national chess tournament in Texas, where he will receive a ranking competing against adversaries closer to his age. My daughter, Rebecca, has become an accomplished hula hoop artist and performed her repertoire of moves for the guests. **Geoffrey Mintz** has started a hat company and has made several trips to China to work on his new line. He and his wife live in NYC. Many of you may remember Geoff's father, Norman Mintz, a former e.v.p. of Columbia. My wife's Hunter H.S. classmate, Emily Glickman Meyerson '90, and her husband, Howard Meyerson '85, brought their daughters, Hallie and Julia. **Steven Greenfield** and his girlfriend, Melissa, were present. Steve has attended dozens of CC basketball games this year and helped organize the event with me. Ken Howitt '76, a friend for more than 30 years and a Nacorn, drove from New Jersey to be with us. Ken organized February's WKCR alumni dinner. Marcia Sells, associate v.p., planning and program development and initiatives at the School of the Arts, as well as associate dean of community outreach, also joined us. Marcia is the faculty liaison for the Senior Society of Nacorns. She was joined by several current senior Nacorns, including Alex Katz '11 GS, the Batab. Sam Rowan '96 Barnard, who helped organize the event, is the managing editor of *Real Estate Finance & Investment* and also a Nacorn. **Steve Holte** is publishing in *Culture Clash* a response to Anthony Tommasini's top 10 list of classical composers. Steve is a former CC marching band trombone player and lives with his wife in Manhattan. Three former CC marching band members showed up: Dan Carlsky '65, Frank Mirer '66 and Peter Janovsky '68. **Nick Paone** is starting

Geoffrey Mintz '83 started a hat company and has made several trips to China to work on his new line.

a band. His bio at White Fleischer & Fino states: "Mr. Paone joined White Fleischer & Fino in 2003 and is a trial attorney with over 20 years of experience. Mr. Paone focuses on the preparation and trial or arbitration of significant cases in New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. These cases run the gamut from medical and dental malpractice to professional liability, insurance coverage, general liability, products, construc-

tion accidents and defects, property damage, employment, business disputes, securities litigation, and insurance agents and brokers errors and omissions." Ethan Rouen '04, '11 Business, associate editor of *CC*, and his wife, Kim Martineau '97, also participated in the gathering. I made sure to invite Ethan, as I am always running late on my Class Notes submission (including this one). Marc Ripp '80 and his wife, Dr. Shari Ripp, attended with their daughters, Brandi '12 and Elena '14E. Brandi and Elena are active at Columbia and represent the third generation of Ripp's at the College. Mark Simon '84 and his wife, Melissa, brought their children, William, Oliver, Annabel and Colette. Mark is friendly with **Andrew Barth**, and Mark attended the John Jay Awards Dinner. Overall, it was an eclectic gathering of CC graduates and students spanning many decades.

Wishing you all much health, prosperity and happiness as many of us turn 50 this year.

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Welcome back, **Tom Dya!**

Tom wrote, "Given all the coverage of Charles Portis (*True Grit*), you might want to check 1984 back issues of the alumni magazine, when **Matt Cooper** did a short piece on a Portis promotion I'd had a hand in starting at the Madison Avenue Bookshop. Portis had stalled a little after *The Dog of the South*, and we like to think all the attention gave him a boost and got him back on the map."

"I'm working on a cultural history of postwar Chicago for Penguin Press, during this fall, covering everyone from Mies van der Rohe, Mahalia Jackson, Hugh Hefner and the Second City to Ray Kroc, Nelson Algren and Sun Ra. I've spent more time in Butler the

last year than I did all through my four years in college."

And a great four years they were, chronicled by such current day multimedia experts as WKCR's **Jon Abbot** and **Spec** leaders **Cooper** and **Steven Waldman** (and even a friend or two from across the street), which leads me to make the provocative move of introducing to our all-male (entering) class the progress of a Barnard alum!

This very special friend, and indeed, amazing asset to the Columbia community in those days, was, and is, **Beth Knobel '84 Barnard**. (She deserves boldface treatment, but that honor is reserved for College and Engineering classmates.)

Beth distinguished herself in many leadership roles, most principally with **Spec**, working under editor-in-chief **Steve Waldman** and alongside co-news editor **Richard Pollack**.

"It was through **Spec** that I met a few of my closest friends to this day, including **Jim Weinstein**, whom I met when I interviewed him, and **Richard Froehlich '85**. I now sit on the **Spec** Board of Trustees and recently found one of my favorite photos in the office, a front-page photo of Jim and the late, great **Stuart Garcia**, who were both College senators, posing a bit like superheroes."

Now, as a journalist and professor, Beth graces us once more, as the author of *Heat and Light: Advice for the Next Generation of Journalists*, which she co-wrote with the one and only Mike Wallace.

"Mike and I worked together twice when I was the Moscow Bureau Chief for CBS News and he was still at *60 Minutes*, when he came to Russia to interview Boris Yeltsin and then Vladimir Putin. Mike always was incredibly nice to me, and when I left CBS to teach journalism at Fordham in 2007, he accepted my invitation to speak to students. Mike had such interesting things to say about journalism that day that I told him that he should write a book about how to be a good reporter ... or that we should write one together. And we did! We took all of our best advice, then added the best advice of a lot of our friends (including AP baseball reporter Ron Blum '83 and *Washington Post* executive editor Marcus Brauchli '83) and turned out an easy-to-read guidebook for young journalists. In writing the book, I thought a lot about my college years working on *Spec* and kept asking myself what I know now after 20 years as a journalist that I wished I'd known then. The book was published by Three Rivers Press, part of Random House, and I think it is a good read for any aspiring journalist."

On a personal note, I am most happy to see Beth and her son now and then at the local JCC where we are all members; her son and mine have even attended the same camp. Small world indeed!

I can see the letters now: What's next, '84 Engineering alums? Well, why not? While, like Barnard, they also lived, took courses and dined with us, and they were welcome

to join our 25th reunion dinner. So, as far as I'm concerned, they're welcome to stay in touch in this column. Let's hear from **Craig Sultan '84E**, '90 Business and **Carolyn Strauss-Meckler '84E**, all great class leaders, and any of their classmates. Fire away!

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Well, it's been a quiet month for updates, so please refill the "update pipeline" for us.

The Glee Club is joining other singing groups for another concert during the upcoming Dean's Day / Alumni Reunion Weekend (Thursday, June 2-Sunday, June 5), so for any of you who are in or can get to the New York area, plan accordingly. There is more info available on the Glee Club's Facebook page. I hope to be on campus for this and several other Dean's Day / reunion activities; let me know if you are coming so we can catch up in person.

Congratulations to two more of our classmates who can add the "P" moniker to their Columbia credentials: **Stephen Carly** and **Michael Romey**. Welcome to the Columbia Class of 2015, Monica Carly and Morgan Romey! We will hopefully add to our total "P15" count (now up to three) when the final numbers come out. [Editor's note: A list of alumni legacies for the College and Engineering Class of 2015 is scheduled for the September / October issue.] As nearly 35,000 students applied for admission to the College or Engineering, acceptance is a terrific accomplishment. I have been interviewing prospective students for more than 10 years (a great way to give back to the College that doesn't cost a dime; studentaffairs.columbia.edu/admissions/alumni/volunteers.php) and have never seen such a strong group of potential applicants.

In early February, I had the pleas-

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A group of alumni stopped to have their photo taken outside Tom's Diner during their annual Super Bowl celebration in New York City. The party included (left to right) Mark Lewis '86, Ted Munter '87, Brian Driscoll '86, Jeff Monroe '86, Jack Catapano, Claude Catapano '86, Lane Vanderslice '86 and Dave Katz '86.

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ure of attending the Columbia-Princeton basketball game. Although not our finest hour on the court (we lost by 30 points and were not in the game after 10 minutes), my youngest son, who would be CC '20, and I got great seats and were named "Family of the Game." We also bumped into CCT class correspondent Roy Pomerantz '83, who was there with two of his children. When I moved into John Jay 30 years ago this fall, Roy was the first person who greeted me (with his energetic juggling act). The enthusiasm and good spirit that he had way back then remains to this day.

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This is the last column before our 25th reunion, Thursday, June 2-Sunday, June 5. If you haven't been very active with Columbia since graduation, that's OK. It's not too late! Come back to the beautiful, vastly improved Columbia campus in early June, the best time of year. Remember when we had to reluctantly leave campus after finals each spring just when the weather was starting to be amazing? Well, this is your chance to return without final exams pressure and enjoy great food and drinks and the company of old and new friends. You also can benchmark yourself vis-a-vis your classmates in terms of body shape, hairline and material success.

The schedule offers a great mix of cultural happenings throughout New York City as well as class-specific events where we will have a

John Featherman '86 is running for Philadelphia mayor this fall on the Republican ticket.

chance to renew old friendships. Thursday night, there will be a chance to take in a show in Manhattan. Friday offers mini-Core courses and a class dinner. Saturday is Dean's Day, with great lectures, including a talk by Dean Michele Moody-Adams, followed in the evening by the all-class Wine Tasting, our class dinner and cocktails, and then sweets, champagne and dancing on Low Plaza at the Starlight Reception. In between, there will be plenty of other happenings to keep us entertained. Don't miss it.

It's not too late to register: alumni.college.columbia.edu/reunion. And new this year is the ability for us to register on a smartphone. The Alumni Office has launched the free Alumni Reunion Weekend app, which features a full and detailed listing of events, an up-to-date list of registered classmates, answers to reunion FAQs and several ways to stay connected to Columbia: Twitter (twitter.com/Columbia_CCAA) and the app's news module, which includes CCT (college.columbia.edu/cct) and Columbia news (news.columbia.edu/).

iPhone, iPod Touch and iPad users can search Apple's App Store for "Columbia Reunion" to find our class app. BlackBerry, Droid and other smartphone users can access the app from mobile browsers by visiting <http://reunion.college.columbia.edu/> /1986mobile.

Congratulations to Dennis Chi.

His daughter Jessica will enter the College this fall after graduating from Horace Mann School.

John Featherman is running on the Republican side in the Philadelphia mayoral election this fall. He will face incumbent Michael Nutter, John, a Philadelphia real estate agent, faces an uphill battle in a city where most voters are Democrats.

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With more public tributes to Greg Giraldo hitting the stages and the airwaves, we will hold off on our promised cumulative tribute for one more issue in order to make it more comprehensive. Thanks for your understanding.

In the meantime, we have great news on the admissions front: three — count 'em — three of our classmates have children who have been

Alzheimer's, but who is able, when the occasion demands, to revive his old skills and save their skins.

In addition, Spyglass Entertainment is developing a feature film version of *Once a Spy*.

My dear friend and Hunter College H.S. classmate Dr. Juanita Punwancy has started to see dermatology patients at Manhattan's Physician Group. She said the group is a wonderful multispecialty provider with three locations in Manhattan. Juanita will be available to see dermatology patients at the Upper East Side, Midtown and Flatiron offices, and the group accepts most major insurance plans.

Please do not forget to join our Class of '87 Facebook group and connect with Columbia on LinkedIn! The time you put in now in setting up your accounts may pay you back huge dividends later in the amount of networking you can do both with other classmates and with connecting with current students to give them a few minutes of your guidance that could help them immensely. And that is more than worth the few minutes of set-up time.

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Congratulations to the Class of 1988's newest legacy parent, Mark Timoney. The Timoney family will be represented on Morningside Heights this fall by Mark's son, John Timoney-Gomez, a Bronxville (N.Y.) H.S. senior who earned early admission to Engineering's Class of 2015.

Another proud parent, Graham Dodds, writes from Canada with perhaps the best argument ever offered for moving north of the border: "For the past six years, I've been a political science professor at Concordia University in the great city of Montreal, trying to explain the strange politics of the United States to puzzled Canadians. Five months ago my wife, Amy Kimball, and I had our second child, Julia. I'm presently taking advantage of Quebec's generous social welfare state by being on a year of paid parental leave as a stay-at-home dad, but I plan to return to academic work in the fall."

It was great hearing from my former Carman Hall suitemate Jonathan Etra '91L. Jonathan, a lifelong New Yorker, moved with his wife, Kate Myers, to her native Miami in 2003, where they have been raising "two fantastic girls," Lilly (6) and Annabelle (1). Once a federal prosecutor in New York, Jonathan now is a partner at the

accepted early decision to the Class of 2015. Our heartiest congratulations go out to Cynthia Campo, daughter of Dr. Diane Hilar-Campo and Richard P. Campo '84; Justin Goluboff, son of Nicole Goluboff; and Brian McGrattan, son of Laura Ting and Kevin McGrattan '87E. Welcome to Columbia!

I received an e-mail from Eric Rogers, who has written a new novel, *Bangkok Vanishing*, which he describes as "a gritty crime thriller about a good family man who goes to Thailand and makes terrible decisions and is required to battle his way back to redemption with his family."

Eric also wrote, "I miss Columbia, living so far from New York in California. I live with my dream girl and have two spectacular kids. Ethan (10) is a stunning soccer player, and Lindsay (8) is a guitar-playing country singer. I am blessed."

In other book news, Keith Thomson's *Twice a Spy: A Novel*, hit the shelves in early March. A sequel to his *Once a Spy: A Novel*, the book finds his lead character, Charlie Clark, having left his life as an inveterate gambler far behind as he and girlfriend Alice go on the lam in Switzerland from Alice's employer, NSA, and a special CIA black ops unit known as Cavalry. The real star of the group is Charlie's father, Drummond Clark, who after a career as a CIA agent is sinking into the throes of early

Florida law firm of Broad and Cassel, where he specializes in complex litigation and white collar criminal defense. "I have become a happily transplanted Floridian, although I will always miss New York," Jonathan writes. Does that mean he still pulls for his beloved Mets, Giants and Knicks? "Absolutely!"

Please keep your updates coming! Feel free to send me an e-mail or friend me on Facebook.

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I heard from Jill Pollack Lewis, who traveled throughout the tail end of 2010 and the beginning of this year to Canada to shoot a pilot for an HGTV talk show that she will host. Traveling back and forth between her new home in Connecticut and Canada for the show has been grueling, but Jill's husband, Jeff, is holding down the fort with their young son, Sam, while Jill shoots the show. Since the show will air in Canada, I'm hoping to see Jill strut her stuff via the Internet.

I caught up with John MacPhee and Donna MacPhee in Park City, Utah, in January while in town for the Sundance Festival and the super party Columbia throws for students and alumni. John recently retired from his position as president of Strativa Pharmaceuticals and is working on a master's at the Mailman School of Public Health. He also has become involved in the New York chapter of Bottom Line, a nonprofit that my husband, Dave Terry '90, chairs in Boston. Bottom Line helps first-generation youths get in to and graduate from college. John now is Bottom Line's chairman in New York.

The 2011 Sundance Film Festival screened 24 films that collectively featured contributions from 38 alumni, students and faculty who represent Columbia and School of the Arts. Carol Becker, dean, School of the Arts, and Donna, v.p., alumni relations, and president, Columbia Alumni Association, hosted the sixth annual CAA at Sundance complimentary reception in Park City. Dave and I attended the party that honors the work of Columbians featured at the festival. There, in addition to the many filmmakers, we visited with Ann-Marie Wright and her husband, Fred Lampropoulos, who, with their children, reside in Salt Lake City.

I also heard from Dan Loflin, whom we just missed connecting with in Utah, but who has been spending a fair amount of time there pursuing his new passion, fly fishing, when he isn't working

hard in San Francisco.

Since he last caught up with Tom Leder, he and his wife, Mary Ellen, and daughter Julia (2) have welcomed another little one, Meg (1). The Leders live in northern Westchester. Tom writes, "I work for MassMutual, out of its White Plains office, and with work and fatherhood, I have never been busier ... or happier."

Just as I was about to submit this post, I literally ran into Eli Neusser outside our local bagel shop. It was one of those days when I hoped to not see anyone I knew, for my 4-year-old had insisted on wearing pajama bottoms (dinosaur pajama bottoms!) to school, and it was a typical Monday for us, meaning we were looking a bit tousled. Eli didn't seem to notice — his kids and wife, Poly, are well. It's always great to see someone from the good of 'Columbia days!

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Yes, Facebook. Jeff Sepulveda tracked me down. He teaches American history, à la James Shen-ton '49, '54 GSAS (if you weren't a history major, you might not get the reference), at the American School of Tampico, Mexico. I hope the rest of you are doing well and might find 30 seconds in your lives to send me an update. (Fifty-nine words. So sad!)

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Our 20th reunion is around the corner! Please make plans to join the festivities from Thursday, June 2-Sunday, June 5. There will be a great mix of cultural happenings throughout New York City and class-specific events where we will have a chance to renew old friendships. Thursday night, there will be a chance to take in a show in Manhattan. Friday offers mini-Core courses and campus tours, plus a class reception. Saturday is Dean's Day, with great lectures, including a talk by Dean Michele

Moody-Adams, followed in the evening by the all-Class Wine Tasting, a formal class dinner and then sweets, champagne, music and dancing on Low Plaza at the Starlight Reception. Don't miss it!

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Married couple Brent Bessire '91 and Sara Schachter '91 live in Sonoma County and recently launched the wine label Fogline Vineyards.

Columbia_CCAA) and the app's news module, which includes CCT (college.columbia.edu/cct) and Columbia news (news.columbia.edu).

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There also is a "Columbia College Class of 1991" Facebook group if you want to reconnect and get more information.

Football fever swept through Dallas in January as Super Bowl XLV came to town. My husband and I attended our first Super Bowl with Annie Giaratano and her husband, Chris Della Pietra '89, who have been to a number of Super Bowls. It was great to catch up with the Della Pietras and spend the weekend with them!

Stephen Jansen is part of our Reunion Committee, doing what he can from across the ocean. It will be a year of change for him, as his wife, Jennifer Bender, gave birth to their first child, Sabrina Gabriella Bender-Jansen, in December. Stephen made me laugh when he wrote, "First-time parenthood on the north side of 40 will be an adjustment, to put it mildly."

Brent Bessire sent in this update: "Sara (Schachter) and I live in Sonoma County with our boys (6, 4 and 2) and two dogs, three cats, three goats, two llamas, 10 chickens, one horse and one rabbit! We recently launched our wine label, Fogline Vineyards, which is producing about 300 cases a year of Pinot Noir and Zinfandel. Our vineyard is located at about 850 feet above sea level on the ridge of Sonoma Mountain. We have been fortunate as a result to have

reconnected with some local CU grads, including Britta Gooding, Dan Loflin '89, Jeremy Hough '93 and David Schach '99E. Find us on Facebook at Fogline Vineyards or at foglinevineyards.com.

"Sara is practicing veterinary medicine as a boarded small animal internal medicine specialist at a practice in Rohnert Park. During the brief breaks in her schedule, she squeezes in a ride on her horse, focusing on dressage. Her horse was the runner-up champion two of the last three years in his class for the state of California."

Elisabeth Porter won't be joining

us at reunion, but she did send this: "I am a senior program attorney for the Guardian ad Litem Program in Broward County, Fla. The program helps abused and neglected children by advocating in their best interest. It is hard seeing what these children go through every day, but it is great to know that there are so many dedicated people trying to help them. I can only do my best and hope that is good enough."

Melanie Jacobs and her husband, Shane Broyles, welcomed a son, Jacob Evan Broyles. Melanie and Shane are delighted and exhausted first-time parents!

Wayne Jebian is an associate professor of English at Lincoln College of New England. He lives in Connecticut with his wife and two children. Wayne's most recent work is a contribution to the collection *Looking for Lost: Critical Essays on the Enigmatic Series*.

And, in the "not the regular 9-to-5 job" category, Sam Helfrich sent in this update: "In 2000, I received my M.F.A. in theater from the School of the Arts. Since then, I've been directing theater and opera (mostly aural) around the country. Highlights include my production of Philip Glass' *Orphée* at Glimmerglass Opera, which continues to be produced at opera companies around the country. I also directed *Amistad* for Spoleto Festival in Charleston, S.C., and *Aida* at Opera Omaha as its 50th anniversary production. I have had longstanding associations with Opera Boston, Boston Baroque, Glimmerglass Opera, Spoleto and Pittsburgh Opera, among others. In 2006, my production of Handel's *Agrippina* with Boston Baroque was named 'best production of the year' in *The Boston Globe*. Upcoming projects include a fully staged production of Handel's *Messiah*

with the Pittsburgh Symphony and an Off-Broadway production of *Tape*, a play by Stephen Belber. I've also begun teaching, most recently completing my second year as a visiting professor at the Yale School of Drama, as well as guest residencies at Manhattan School of Music and Mannes College of Music. I'm working on a world premiere of a new opera, *The Secret Agent*, based on the Conrad story. After premiering here in New York, it will travel to the Armel Opera Festival in Hungary. Much of my work can be viewed at samhelfrich.com."

Looking forward to seeing everyone in June! For those of you who can't make it, I'll do my best to report it for you. Until next time ... cheers!

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News, anyone?

I thought so. It's nice to be able to give you what you want.

Let me kick things off with news from **Karla Sanchez**. Until recently, Karla was a partner at the prestigious Patterson Belknap Webb & Tyler law firm. But she left to enter government service, accepting a position with newly elected Attorney General Eric Schneiderman's office. She is the executive deputy attorney general for economic justice, responsible for the Investor Protection, Consumer Protection and Fraud, Antitrust, Real Estate Finance, and Internet bureaus. Karla is looking forward to her time in the AG's office and doing great things to protect the citizens of New York State.

Karla is not the only one of our classmates doing great things in government service. I ran into **Ben Lawsky** at a recent Columbia men's basketball game. He is the chief of staff to Governor Andrew Cuomo (D-N.Y.). Similarly, **Peter Hatch** is the state director for Senator Kirsten Gillibrand (D-N.Y.). I saw Peter and his wife, **Hilary Rubenstein Hatch**, at the annual Dean's Scholarship Reception in February.

I had lunch with Jake Novak '92 GS, who graciously hosted me at the offices of News Corp. in Manhattan. Jake is the senior producer of *Varnie & Co.* on Fox Business Network. He also runs a thorough blog on all things Columbia football at roarlions.blogspot.com.

Q VanBenschoten e-mailed to pass along some good news: She's been promoted to regional compliance officer of Americas for Intertek, a FTSE 100 company. As Q describes it, "I still spend too much time in airports. But I love my new job. I am

scheduled to speak at the Compliance Week Conference in Washington, D.C., at the end of May, and I get especially psyched about flying into Dulles. Usually I have time to stop by Five Guys for the best cheeseburger in any airport in North America, with two shots at it during layovers. Terminals A and B."

I heard from **Kirsten Danis**, my former *Spectator* editor-in-chief, who has taken a new position as deputy editor of the Greater New York Section of *The Wall Street Journal*.

Finally, a little bit of personal news: I was deeply honored to be asked to serve as the "Honorary Coach of the Game" on senior night for the men's basketball team. I

Kirsten Danis '92, former *Spectator* editor-in-chief, is deputy editor of the Greater New York section of *The Wall Street Journal*.

sat on the bench not only next to the current team and coaches (and tried to stay out of the way) but also next to Jerry Sherwin '55, who has long served as an ambassador for the team, as well as the University as a whole. I am pleased to report that Columbia trounced Brown that night, sending off the seniors with a win and finishing the season with a 15-13 record in coach Kyle Smith's first year. (I'll happily end my "coaching" career with a 1-0.)

On that cheery note, I think there's only one way to end this column: Roar, Lions, Roar! Till next time.

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Ask and ye shall receive. In a recent column, not only did I ask for those of you celebrating birthdays to write in, but I also asked for details about **Neil Turitz's** 40th birthday celebration, and Neil delivered. According to Neil, "My birthday party was pretty fantastic. Tons of people, a great time. I wore a tux (as you recall, the invite was 'black tie optional'), and looked pretty spectacular. Friends and family joined me, there was much alcohol consumed, as well as a fair share of pigs in blankets and jalapeño poppers, of course. I know for a fact that **Joe Saba** and his wife, **Jen**, **Stephen Morris**, **Kevin Connolly**, **Axue Espinosa '93E** and **Addison Golladay** were in attendance, but I had to settle for good wishes from friends who were not able to make it, like you, **Steve Conway**, **Robyn Turk** (who was on her honeymoon), **Patti**

Lee, **Matt Eddy '95**, **Alan Freeman**, **Eric Zuckerman '94**, **Karen Sendler '94**, **Marci Levy '93**, **Barnard**, **Matt Stroom**, **Joan Campion '92**, **Jen Reubis '91** and plenty of others. Addison, meanwhile, turned 40 almost a month later, and the two of us have attended each other's shindigs for years. While his was a more intimate affair (what with Addison being a tad less ... well, let's say "flamboyant" than me), it was still delightful. He had a group of friends gather at the Russian vodka Room on West 52nd Street, where we sampled flavored vodkas (and argued to some extent about which flavor was which) and chatted in an amiable and low-key way."

agreement at client facilities across the United States. At Soltag, Kwon was involved in the financing of one of the first merchant power plants in the U.S., Stith Boston Generating (1,500 MW), located in Boston. Before joining Soltag, Kwon worked at Alinda Capital Partners for three years, where he was responsible for the origination of investments in energy and infrastructure projects in excess of \$2 billion. He has been with Dresdner Kleinwort Wasserstein and WestLB AG, where he completed various energy project financings in excess of \$1 billion. Kwon lives in Jersey City, NJ.

As I finish writing this column, it is a Sunday evening, and I am watching TV. It's time for my favorite Sunday night show, ABC's *Brothers & Sisters*, and there is **Cara Buono** appearing as Rose, Tommy Walker's girlfriend. A little Internet digging, and I was reminded that Cara appeared in *Mad Men* this past fall and also appeared in one of my favorites, *The Sopranos*.

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Well, after my sad, newsless column in the last issue, I am pleased to share an abundance of updates this time around.

Suzy Shuster Eisen and her husband, **Rich**, welcomed their second son, **Cooper**, in February; he joins brother **Xander**. **Megan McGowan Epstein** was there to help celebrate his arrival. Suzy is taking some time off from sports broadcasting but is working with **Ron Shelton** (who directed *Bill Durham* and *Tin Cup*) on a pilot he wrote based on her career as a sideline reporter on ABC. Suzy is producing the pilot, which has been optioned by NBC.

David Eisenbach has been teaching history. CC and Lit Hum at Columbia. In April, Palgrave Macmillan is releasing his third book, *One Nation Under Sex: How the Private Lives of Presidents, First Ladies and their Lovers Changed the Course of American History*. David co-authored the book with Hustler publisher and free speech advocate **Larry Flynt**.

David Dooling lives in Falls Church, Va., with his wife, **Amy Lopez Dooling**, and daughter **Sofia Elena (2)**. David went to grad school for physics then went on to Montreal for a post-doc. He spent five years in New Mexico before starting work in McLean, Va., in 2007.

Last October, **Tony Ambroza** moved to Ann Arbor, Mich., and joined Carhartt, a 121-year-old apparel brand, as v.p. of marketing.

Arnold Kim '96 Diagnoses Apple on MacRumors.com

BY LAURA BUTCHY '04 ARTS

Dr. Arnold Kim '96 had two passions from a young age: medicine and computers. These interests grew into dual careers for Kim as a physician and founder of MacRumors.com. In 2008, however, with MacRumors attracting more than 4 million readers a month, he made the decision to stop diagnosing kidney problems and instead analyze Apple news and rumors full-time.

Since Kim left his medical practice to focus on MacRumors, the website has continued to grow. "Surprisingly enough, the recession hasn't tangibly affected us," Kim says. "Between MacRumors and my other web projects, we hired four full-time employees in 2009." The additional staff has increased the site's ability to cover Apple news and rumors, attracting an active community of enthusiasts to its news, buyer's guide, discussion forums and a separate section focused on the iPhone. Advertising revenue rose in 2009 and 2010, and according to Quantcast, MacRumors' number of monthly visitors is now more than 8 million.

When it launched in February 2000, MacRumors was a solo enterprise for Kim. "It's hard to even say it was an 'enterprise' as much as it was a hobby," he explains. "It really required little financing. Beyond that it was



Dr. Arnold Kim '96 works on MacRumors.com in his home office.

just the time I put into it." That time had to be well-managed, as Kim earned an M.D. at the Medical College of Virginia, completed an internal medicine residency at UNC Chapel Hill and specialized in a nephrology fellowship back at MCV.

MacRumors was started in Kim's last year of medical school. Already interested in Apple, Kim began tracking news and rumors on his blog. After his medical fellowship, he joined a private nephrology practice in Richmond, Va., for two years before leaving to devote himself to MacRumors full time. "The dec-

ision took a long time," Kim says. "I was able to effectively juggle my job and MacRumors for years, but MacRumors was what I enjoyed working on in my free time."

Kim began spending his free time on computers while growing up in Newport News, Va., when his family got a Commodore Vic 20, followed by an Apple //C. "For whatever reasons, I was drawn to it," he says. "I actually got a modem early. At the time, the Internet didn't really exist as it does today, so dialing up local bulletin board systems was the extent of it."

Kim followed his sister Nam '93 to Columbia. He was premed with a concentration in computer science, foreshadowing his career interests. It was only a matter of time, however, before two such time-consuming occupations led to a choice. "In 2007, my wife and I had our first child, and that ultimately spurred the decision to quit medicine," Kim says. "My available free time shrank, and what I actually wanted to do with that free time also shifted. Spending time with our newborn and my wife took priority."

It is difficult to quantify Kim's working hours. During key times when there are a lot of news and rumors, he may spend all day working, but hiring other writers has helped. As blogging has grown in popularity over the years, the news cycle has accelerated, forcing MacRumors to expand coverage.

"The site has grown considerably through the years, but the basic format hasn't changed," Kim says. "The news and rumor focus has remained generally consistent. In fact, I've always prided myself on the selectivity of the news we choose to report on and how seriously we take our reporting."

Laura Butchy '04 Arts is a teacher, writer and dramatist in New York City.

Son Jackson started kindergarten and daughter Siena is in preschool. "The kids are keeping us busy with plenty of activities, and my wife, Cheryl, is training for a half-marathon," Tony writes.

After more than 20 years in New York City, **Rachel Phillips Flamm** is moving with her husband and two small children to Washington, D.C., to join PricewaterhouseCoopers' national office in its international tax group. Rachel would love to reconnect with classmates who are in D.C.; she can be reached at rphillips207@yahoo.com.

Dee Dee Wu is married to Brian Golden and is the mother of two boys, Jake and Justin. She has been practicing rheumatology in Fair Lawn, N.J., since she finished her

fellowship at the Hospital for Special Surgery in New York City. Dee Dee lives in Oradell, N.J., and is in touch with **Hetty Chung**, who lives in Manhasset and is an ob/gyn at North Shore University Hospital.

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Deborah Chong sent her first Class Notes update. About five years ago, she started a nonprofit, Medicine in Action, which is dedicated to delivering healthcare to people in the developing world. "We work in Jamaica, Haiti and

Tanzania," Deborah writes. "I recently returned from Jamaica, MIA's 20th medical mission! I left for Tanzania in April." When she is not traveling, Deborah lives and works in Oakland, Calif.

Another first report came from **Kristine Campagna**, who lives in the Albany area and practices family medicine and sports medicine. She is married to Bryan Sixberry, and they have two boys, Sean (2) and Ryan (1).

Michael Cervieri is a co-founder of the media production and strategy firm ScribeLabs, where he's working on a documentary about the future of American news media called *The Future Journalism Project*. Columbia has tethered him during the past few years. Michael taught at the Journalism School from 2006-09 and since then has taught a course on media and technology at SIPA. He lives in Queens with dreams of eventually moving to warmer, more tropical climates.

Alan Berks took the job of director of communications for Pillsbury House and Pillsbury House Theatre, a professional theatre and neighborhood center in Minneapolis. "It's a professional theater that actually runs a neighborhood center," he

writes, "so everything we do now in the social service is also 'arts-integrated.' It's fun." Alan also reports that the Minnesota Jewish Theatre produced the area premiere of his play, *Coris*, in March.

And finally, Alicia Guevara has been named executive director for New York at Peace First. Formerly known as Peace Games, Peace First is a national nonprofit that works with schools in Boston, Los Angeles and New York to empower children, as young as 4, with the skills to become peacemakers in their schools and communities. Alice will be responsible for building, growing and sustaining New York operations, including securing local fundraising, maintaining strong school partnerships and ensuring excellent program delivery across the New York City partner schools.

Many thanks to everyone who wrote! Until next time.

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I can now complete the update started in the last issue about **Marie-Carmelle Elie**. She and her husband are now parents of three boys. Twins Noah and Nicholas were born February 18 at the impressive weights of 7 lbs, 10 oz, and 7 lbs, 4 oz. They join brother Nathan (3).

Anyone in Miami, please volunteer to give them an hour so they can have a break!

Please keep the updates coming.

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Greetings, classmates. Unfortunately, I have another paltry column for you this time. Where are you? We need to hear from you, so send in notes, otherwise you will have me hounding you for information in person at our 15th reunion (see how I slipped that in there?) from Thursday, June 2-Sunday, June 5. It will be a blast, with Mini-Core courses, cocktail hours, dinners, the all-class Wine Tasting, dancing and sweets on Low Plaza and Dean's Day speakers, including Dean Michele Moody-Adams.

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or, new this year, register on your smartphone. The Alumni Office has launched the free Alumni Reunion Weekend app, which features a full and detailed listing of events, an up-to-date list of registered classmates, answers to reunion FAQs and several ways to stay connected to Columbia: Twitter (twitter.com/Columbia_CCAA) and the app's news module, which includes CCT (college.columbia.edu/cct) and Columbia news (news.columbia.edu).

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OK, you've heard my piece. On to the bit of news I do have for you.

Charles Rhyee has been named managing director and senior research analyst at Cowen Group, a New York-based financial services firm. Charles will cover health care information technology and distribution in the health care sector of Cowen's research group. Charles recently was a senior research analyst for health care distribution and information technology at Oppenheimer. Prior to this, he was an equity research associate at Credit Suisse. Charles also has held positions at Jefferies & Co., Schwab Smithview Capital Markets and Smith Barney.

A hearty congratulations to **Jeremy Kwallner**, who married Edwyn Toll Ackerman in January in Greenwich, Conn. Jeremy works for VelocityShares, a financial services company in New Canaan, Conn. He sells unsecured debt securities and other financial products to hedge funds and other financial institutions. Jeremy earned an M.B.A. from NYU.

And that, my friends, alas, is all. What to leave you with this time: "A perfection of means, and confusion of aims, seems to be our main problem."

—Albert Einstein

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Jesse Levitt opened a second bar in Brooklyn, The Minor Arcana, in Prospect Heights. It is inspired by tarot cards, carnival sideshows and liquor. He invites everyone to stop by!

Micheal Wachsmann happily announces the birth of his son, Amital Eitan (aka Adam), born on October 26. "He is the newest addition to an existing trio of siblings and has made our son thrilled, for he now finally

has a brother. About a month after the birth of our son, my wife and I celebrated (or rather, had; couldn't do too much celebrating with a newborn) our 10-year anniversary."

Michael enjoys his job doing real estate acquisitions and asset management. He specializes in multi-family real estate investments and management in the Connecticut market and has had an active few months, closing on three deals and getting ready to close on a fourth.

"Anybody having any opportunities or wanting to reconnect is welcome to contact me at mwachsmann@paredim.com," he says.

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For only the second time in nearly 15 years, I haven't received any updates. I know somewhere, someone in our class is moving, getting married, transitioning jobs, having a baby, something! So I'm hoping some of you meet up at Class Day on Tuesday, May 17, and will let me know, so I can have something to write about in a future issue.

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A big thank you to Lauren Becker for maintaining our Class Notes for the last year. I was handed the baton a few months ago, and I hope to report on the usual suspects as well as some new ones. If you don't remember me by name, I was the guy who wore a red ski jacket all four years of college. Remember how North Face jackets were all the rage back then? The last time I submitted something to Class Notes, Brad Neuberg and I had the bright idea to tell everyone we joined the French Foreign Legion to fight communist insurgents in Sierra Leone.

Since then, I graduated from the Business School, work in finance and plan to get married this summer in Brussels, Belgium, to Sophie Anderson. Brad has since been honorably discharged from the French Foreign Legion and worked at Google for a number of years. After recently watching *The Social Network*, he was inspired to quit Google and focus on a start-up in Silicon Valley. During last October's Homecoming, Sameer Shamsi, Stacy Rotner, Dominique Sasson, Scott Napolitano and Adam Nguyen '98 met up at Baker Athletics Complex. We plan to round up more people this year, on Saturday, October 15,

so drop us a line if you're interested in joining us for some tailgating.

I recently met with **Martin Mraz**, who lives in domestic partnership with Jenna Johnson right off Smith Street in downtown Brooklyn. He works in finance during the week but spends most of his time building a remote cabin somewhere upstate. He's convinced the Dark Ages are soon upon us. Susan Kassim, who obtained her Ph.D. in astrophysics at 26, recently taught and did research into black holes at Oxford. She moved to Washington, D.C., in January to continue her research for NASA.

These are all the updates I have, so please reach out to me over the next few weeks so we can share some exciting news with our class. I have no problem if you want to embellish your achievements.

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Nugi Jakobishvili and his wife, Isabelle Levy '05, welcomed Flora Sophia Jakobishvili in December. She loves strolling through Riverside Park and on College Walk and meeting Columbia friends. She is an excellent companion as Isabelle works on dissertation chapter No. 2.

Please send me news! Your classmates want to hear about you.

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Hi everyone. I hope your spring is off to a great start! Hard to believe our 10-year reunion is around the corner — in fact, only a month away, Thursday, June 2-Sunday, June 5. Come back to campus for Mini-Core courses, cocktail hours, dinners, the all-class Wine Tasting, dancing and sweets on Low Plaza and Dean's Day speakers, including Dean Michele Moody-Adams.

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Raji Kalra '97 Finds Fulfillment in Finance for Nonprofits

By ALBERT SAMAHA '11J

The stairwell in the construction site is pitch black. The lights have burned out. But **Raji Kalra '97**, '04 Business wants to go to the second floor, where by this fall the Museum for African Art's main gallery will be. Her cell phone screen isn't bright enough, so she borrows a hot-dog-sized LED flashlight from a construction worker and enters the darkness.

"This is kind of an adventure," she says.

Kalra is the CFO of the New York museum. She manages the day-to-day funds and makes sure the museum operations are sustainable. But since taking the position in June 2010, the most significant aspect of the job has been overseeing the capital financing of the museum's first self-owned location in its 27 years of existence. In previous years, the museum occupied rented space, first on the Upper East Side, then in Soho and most recently in Long Island City, Queens.

"To say that I was part of this groundbreaking event by managing the costs is really exciting," Kalra says.

Scheduled to open this fall, the museum will sit off the northeast corner of Central Park, "where Museum Mile and Harlem meet," Kalra notes. She holds in her left arm a stack of placards that show renderings of what the museum will look like. In one image, the main entranceway opens to a tall room with large, mullioned windows on one side and a curving wall of light brown African wood on the other.

"We're not sure if it's technically feasible, but if it is, we're going to do it," she says of the bending wall.

Kalra is familiar with the nuances of overseeing new



Raji Kalra '97, CFO of the Museum for African Art, stands at the site of the museum's new East Harlem home, slated to open this fall.

PHOTO: ALBERT SAMAHA '11J

projects. After graduating with a double major in economics and political science, her plan, she says, was to enter private industry, retire early and then teach. But she also did volunteer work, and during the next three years, she came to a life-altering conclusion: Working in the private sector did not give her enough time and energy to volunteer.

"I got a lot of fulfillment and pleasure from volunteering and I thought, 'Why can't I do that full time?'" Kalra says.

She decided to return to school to better position herself for a job in nonprofit finance. Kalra spent the next three years getting an M.B.A. at the Business School and a master's in international policy at Johns Hopkins through a dual degree program.

In 2006, Kalra became the first director of finance in New York City for the Knowledge Is Power Program, a national network of public schools.

Then she joined a consulting firm that took part in the openings of eight schools ranging from elementary to high school in post-Katrina New Orleans. Afterward, she was hired by Harlem RBI, a nonprofit youth development center in East Harlem, as it sought to launch its charter school in 2007. All in all, 11 new schools opened under Kalra's watch.

"It takes guts to change careers, especially from finance to nonprofit. That says a lot about Raji's character. I respect that," says Joy Lin '97, who was on Columbia's student council with Kalra.

It is a courage that was molded during Kalra's time on campus. While she fondly remembers favorite classes, such as Professor David Downie's "Economics of the Environment" and University Professor Jagdish Bhagwati's "International Monetary Theory and Policy," perhaps her most rewarding experience took

place inside the residence halls.

When Kalra moved onto campus at the start of her first year, many of her classmates had already befriended each other at pre-orientation events. The social circles had already formed, it seemed, and she wasn't sure how she was going to make friends.

"I cried my first two days of college," she admits with a chuckle.

Kalra's mother told her to knock on every door on her dorm's floor and introduce herself. "I definitely was not going to do that," Kalra says. "So I did the next best thing."

There was a TV in a lounge at the end of her hallway. Nearly every day for the next two weeks she sat by that TV and let the friends come to her. It worked. She got to know everybody. She became class v.p. her freshman and sophomore years and class president her final two years.

"Raji is genuinely interested in people," says Lin. "She really brings people together. She's always giving."

Seventeen years later, it's hard to imagine Kalra anxiously sitting by the TV. She glides across the cold concrete floor of the construction site, toward a pair of glass doors that lead to a patio area. She tries to push one open but it won't move. The doors have been blocked by several inches of packed snow. She pushes harder, really leans into the door and finally plows it open. It is freezing, raining and slushy outside, but Kalra doesn't seem to notice. She walks to the ledge of the patio and breathes in the view.

Albert Samaha '11J writes primarily about social justice. His work has been featured in publications such as *City Limits*, *Examiner.com*, *Philippine Headlines* and *CollegeFanz.com*.

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the app from mobile browsers by visiting <http://reunion.college.columbia.edu/2001mobile>.

Annie Lainer Marquit and Jonathan Marquit were married

on January 16 in Los Angeles at the Four Seasons Hotel in Beverly Hills. It was a spectacular wedding, and I was fortunate to be one of the many Columbians in



Annie Lainer Marquit '01, '06L and Jonathan Marquit were married in January at the Four Seasons Hotel in Beverly Hills. The multi-Columbia-generational soiree included the bride's father, Luis Lainer '65; her sister, Jesse Lainer-Vos '04 SW; brother-in-law, Dani Lainer-Vos '09 GSAS; Ken Krug '74; Rabbi Sharon Brous '95, '01 GSAS (who officiated); Dina Epstein Levisohn '01, '05 TC; Nancy Michaelis (née Perla) '01; Jamie Rubin '01 Barnard; Sarah Rosenbaum Kranson '01; Donny Kranson '99E; Billy Kingsland '01; Susan (née Pereira) Wilsey '01; Lila Foldes '01 Barnard; Joyce Chou '01; Cambria Matlow '01; Dan Laidman '01; Jonathan Gordin '01; David Light '95, '02 Arts; and Toby Reifman '70 SW.

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attendance, including the bride; her father, Luis Lainer '65; her sister, Jesse Lainer-Vos '04 SW and brother-in-law, Dani Lainer-Vos '09 GSAS; Ken Krug '74; Rabbi Sharon Brous '95, '01 GSAS (who officiated); Dina Epstein Levisohn; Nancy Michaelis (née Perla); Jamie Rubin '01 Barnard; Sarah Rosenbaum Kranson; Donny Kranson '99E; Billy Kingsland; Susan Wilsey (née Pereira); Lila Foldes '01 Barnard; Joyce Chou; Cambria Matlow; Dan Laidman; David Light '95, '02 Arts; and Toby Reifman '70 SW. [See photo.]

Annie and Jonathan are attorneys in Los Angeles and reside in Santa Monica.

Marc Dunkelmann and his wife, Kathryn Prael, welcomed Emilia Prael Dunkelmann on February 10. Emilia weighed 9 lbs., 7.6 oz. My family and I visited Marc and Kathryn in Washington, D.C., a few months ago as they were preparing for Emilia's arrival. Congratulations to Marc and Kathryn!

Matthew Wosnitzer married Danielle Rudich '04 Barnard on October 3 at Glen Island Harbor Club in New Rochelle, N.Y. Matthew's brother, Brian Wosnitzer '02E, was best man, and other Columbians in attendance included Isaac Darko and David Epstein. Matthew and Danielle live on the Upper West Side; Matt is completing his fifth year of urology residency at New York-Presbyterian/Columbia University Medical Center and Danielle is completing her third year of ophthalmology residency at Mount Sinai Medical Center.

Samantha Earl and Francis Manheim recently were married in New York City, where they reside. Sam is completing a master's at MIT in urban planning and design. Francis is an investment banker.

Many Columbians gathered in beautiful Sonoma, Calif., on September 25 for the wedding of Ali Kidd and Travis Ritchie. A lovely garden overlooking a vineyard provided the perfect backdrop, and several '01ers provided the party, including Jenny Tubridy, Jessie Tubridy, Jaime Pannone, Anne-Marie Ebner, Becca Siegel Bradley and Emily Georgitis Stanton '01E. The magical day was truly a Columbia affair: The bride's father is Robert Kidd '70, and the party stretched long into the night thanks to the entertainment provided by James Tubridy '97.

Ali is an associate at the San Francisco office of Gibson, Dunn, and Crutcher, where she practices law in the real estate group. Travis is an attorney at the Sierra Club. Ali and Travis met at UCLA, from which they both received law and public policy degrees. While at UCLA, they also were students of former Massachusetts Governor Michael Dukakis, who officiated the wedding and noted that theirs was the first wedding he has officiated for two of his former students.

My family and I recently took a road trip to the Bay Area and stayed in the beautiful new San Carlos home of Michelle Nayfack (née Braun) and her husband, Aaron Nayfack. Our daughter, Julian, had a blast playing with their son, Isaac, but we still miss having them here in Los Angeles.

Best wishes to all, and please do keep in touch.

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Trushna Leitz-Jhaveri and her husband moved in November to Zurich. She writes, "We love our new home and are making the most of this little country's beautiful mountains and great cheese and chocolate."

Agnia Baranaukaitė Grigas moved back to California after getting her Ph.D. at Oxford and completing her posting as adviser to the foreign minister of Lithuania. She is based in Santa Monica with her husband, Paulius Grigas, and they are launching a technology company. Agnia looks to connect with old friends and alumni in the technology sector. Please contact her at agnia@grigas.net.

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Well folks, this year marks our eighth year as alumni of the College. I would be lying if I said that it feels natural to start thinking

about our 10-year reunion, but in about a year's time we'll need to start doing precisely that. I am planning to return to New York in June 2013 for reunion, and I hope that you will as well. In the meantime, let's celebrate the continued success of our classmates.

Katori Hall continues to make headlines. She was featured in an article in the March 2 *New York Times* for winning the Susan Smith Blackburn Prize. This award is given annually to outstanding women playwrights, and Katori earned \$20,000 and a print by artist Willem de Kooning for her play *Hurt Village*, which explores the issues facing families in a decaying Memphis housing project.

Michael Wolf is graduating in May with an M.B.A. from Wharton. He "will join a stealth startup based in New York City. Stay tuned for our launch this spring."

Nadege Fleumind writes, "I recently offered a Groupon for my company, Fleumind Catering, and sold more than 800 cooking parties, which are weekly cooking classes that I offer as a great way to have fun, network and meet people. I have even done one of my favorite cooking parties for CCYA, which was really nice. In other news, I started doing some TV catering, and I boast BET News and *The Colbert Report* as new clients."

Ben Kopit '02 is getting an M.F.A. in screenwriting at UCLA. Dawn Zimmick is getting married on June 25, with about 20 Columbia alumni scheduled to attend.

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Congratulations to Lydia Roach, who earned a Ph.D. in oceanography from the Scripps Institution of Oceanography at UC San Diego and now is an environmental consultant at Duke in Encinitas, Calif. Anjee Khurana graduated from Vanderbilt in June 2008 and works at Harris Martin Jones in Nashville. Finally, congratulations go out to Ben Falik and his family, who welcomed daughter Phoebe in February.

Don't forget to send me your news! Let your friends and fellow alumni know what you have been up to.

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CCT should publish an infographic that shows a breakdown of intra-class marriages since 1983. It'd be

interesting to see where our class ranks. Adding to our class total are Joanna Dee '11 GSAS and Dr. Koushik Das '09 P&S. They were married on December 18 in Somerset, N.J. Classmates in attendance included Jennifer Legum Weber, Irene Malatesta, Steven Esses, Jamie Yoon, Ashley Walker and Marc Dyrnska '10 P&S, along with many other Columbians. (See photo.)

Another interesting infographic could show marriages between members of different classes and among the different schools (Engineering, Barnard, etc.). John A. Zaro and Natalie Leggio '04 Barnard were married October 2 at Saint James Roman Catholic Church in Setauket, N.Y. Celebrating with the couple were Travis Rettke, Sean Connor, Mike Grady, James Catrambone, Brendan Quinn, Jenny Madden (née Korecky) and Greg Madden, and Dave Buffa. After the wedding, John and Natalie traveled to France and visited Paris, Mont Saint-Michel and the Loire Valley before heading south to Antibes, St. Paul de Vence, Nice and Monaco. They reside in downtown Manhattan.

Rebecca Silberberg married Eric Levine last March. Rebecca met Eric at Harvard Law, and both are lawyers in New York. In attendance at the wedding were Rebecca's great friends, whom she met on Carman 5: Alexandra Seggerman, Stephen Poellet, Lindsey May '05E and Bridget (Geibel) Stefanski.

Congrats to all the newlyweds! When Columbians marry, many have kids. Jonathan Reich '04, '07L and Suzanne Schneider welcomed the arrival of twins Sophia Hannah and Charlotte Grace in January. Susanne is taking the semester off from working on her Ph.D. in Middle Eastern studies at CSAS in order to "master new skills like feeding, diapering and maneuvering the double stroller." She will resume research in London and Jerusalem this summer.

Nugi Jakobishvili '00 and Isabelle Levy welcomed Flora Sophia Jakobishvili in December. She loves strolling through Riverside Park and College Walk and meeting Columbia friends, and is an excellent companion as Isabelle works on dissertation paper No. 2.

Congrats to our new parents! Carmen Yuen writes: "I (a Carmina, as I'm known professionally) have joined the NOH8 team. The NOH8 Campaign (NOH8Campaign.org) fights inequality and discrimination via a silent photo protest. Celeb supporters include Paris Hilton, Lady Gaga and Adam Lambert. For the first time, we are taking the campaign worldwide... to Tokyo! There's more info at NOH8Campaign.org and at lacarmina.com."



Joanna Dee '05, '11 GSAS and Dr. Koushik Das '05, '09 P&S tied the knot in December in Somerset, N.J. Celebrating with them were (left to right) Katie Broad; Jed Bradley '06; Andrew Brotzman '03, '11 Arts; Carey Garris Brotzman; Kelly Desantis, Brian Hansburg '03; Monica Valente Harris; Brett Harris '03, '08 Business; Brian Overland '02, the bride, the groom; Daniel Byrnes '03; Kristin Szatkiewicz; Jennifer Legum Weber '05; Daryl Weber '02; Lauren Fishman Perotti '02 Barnard; Daniel Perotti '02; Irene Malatesta '05 Barnard; Josh Silverman '02E; Steven Esses '05; and Daniella Lichtman Esses '05 Barnard, '09L.

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Nancy Yerkes earned a Ph.D. in biochemistry from MIT and started her first year of medical school at Stanford.

Anna Lee graduated from business school at UC Berkeley and moved back to New York last summer. She works at American Express

M.S. in industrial ecology from the Universities of Leiden and Delft in the Netherlands. Anya Chermeff lives in Leiden, and they are both working on the launch of an NGO that helps women in Southeast Asia who live in marginalized communities become successful renewable

union Weekend, Thursday, June 2–Sunday, June 5. Join your classmates for great cultural happenings throughout New York City as well as plenty of dinners, cocktail hours and parties that will provide an opportunity to catch up on the last five years. Dean's Day will be held Saturday, with a great lineup of lectures, including one by Dean Michele Moody-Adams, and the evening concludes with champagne and dancing on Low Plaza. I am looking forward to what is sure to be a marvelous celebration!

It's not too late to register via the web (alumni.college.columbia.edu/reunion) or even on a smartphone. The Alumni Office has launched the free Alumni Reunion Weekend app, which features a full and detailed listing of events, an up-to-date list of registered classmates, answers to reunion FAQs and several ways to stay connected to Columbia: Twitter (twitter.com/Columbia_CCAA) and the app's news module, which includes CCT (college.columbia.edu/cct) and Columbia news (news.columbia.edu).

iPhone, iPod Touch and iPad users can search Apple's App Store for "Columbia Reunion" to find our class app. BlackBerry, Droid and other smartphone users can access the app from mobile browsers by visiting <http://reunion.college.columbia.edu/2001mobile>.

Until then, here are the latest updates from our class:

Jeremy Kotin will screen the first of multiple video pieces highlighting the amazing work of the Alzheimer's Association, NYC chapter, at its annual gala in June. Comprising interviews with patients and caregiv-

Kate Lynn '05, former Columbia women's soccer assistant coach, has been named head women's soccer coach at Marist College.

in the Membership Rewards New Product Development Group.

In March, Brendon-Jeremi Jacobs became a proud homeowner as he moved in with his partner, Bob McKee, in historic West Germantown, Philadelphia. He'll graduate in May with an M.S. in teaching, learning and curriculum from Penn Graduate School of Education and then leave for Georgetown for a graduate constitutional seminar with the James Madison Fellowship. Brendon-Jeremi's thesis is on how single-sex education impacts the social and academic development of girls. In June, the class that he's sponsored for the past three years also will graduate.

Former Columbia women's soccer assistant coach Kate Lynn was named head women's soccer coach at Marist College in January. Kate had been an assistant and goalkeeping coach under Kevin McCarthy '85, '91 GS for the last four seasons, and was the top assistant coach on his staff for the past three years.

Bennett Cohen is pursuing an

energy microentrepreneurs. The NGO is called Empower Generation and is set to launch by 2012.

Please continue to send me your updates. Thanks!

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Writing this issue's column was especially exciting with our five-year reunion just a month away by the time you read it! It's been a pleasure to be able to stay in touch with you by way of this column, but I'm looking forward to catching up with everyone in person!

If you haven't already, please make plans to attend Alumni Re-



CCT class correspondent Michelle Oh '06 and Alan C. Sing were married in January in Rockleigh, N.J., in front of enough Columbia alumni to fill a stadium. Cheering the couple were (back row, left to right) Albert Kim '03E, Timothy Kang '06E, Bernard Lin '04E, Edward Kim '08, Paul Yoo '06E, William Kang '06E, Spencer Chang '06, Andrew Lichtenberg '06 and Jukay Hsu; and (front row, left to right) Bori Kang '06E, Jamie Yoo '07, Barnard, Christine Kwak '07, Irene Kwon '06, Joo Lee Song '07, Jee Hae Yoon '04, Jennifer Kim '06, the bride, the groom, Jessica Lee '06, Christine Chung '06, Josephine Kim '06, Angela Lee '06, Barnard, Michelle Lee '06 and Sarah Hwang '07.

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ers as well as high-impact animation, the pieces will spool out online in the following months. Jeremy is proud that the feature film *MONOGAMY*, which he co-produced and co-edited, played in theaters nationwide starting in March. Everyone put it in your Netflix queue or watch it on-demand!

Talibah L. Newman completed her Kickstarter.com fundraiser for her next short film, *Busted on Brigham Lane*, which will shoot in May and needs a savvy producer. Talibah is in her second year at the School of the Arts, aiming to obtain an M.F.A. in film directing. She also is working on her first children's book, *Olajinka's Beaded Comb*.

Matt Smith will graduate in May from Duke Law and will begin a one-year clerkship with the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit in Miami in September.

Andrew Stinger is wrapping up a year-long stint in Google's Cambridge, Mass., office, where he enjoyed working alongside Meredith Fuhrman '05 and running into the recently engaged **Caroline Guidry** '06E as well as Colleen Myers '07 and Kwame Spearman. Andrew headed back to the Bay Area in April as he moved into product development for Google TV and Video Ads.

The following is a nice prelude to the following three submissions: **Victoria Barnetsky** writes from Cambridge, Mass., with her bimonthly haiku: "Engagements abound / from our dear class of '0-6 / welcome adulthood."

Paul Fileri and **Kinara Flagg**

are happy to share that they got engaged in November. Right now they're living together in New York City as Paul works on his dissertation and teaches in the Department of Cinema Studies at NYU and Kinara finishes her final year at the Law School and keeps busy as editor-in-chief of the *Columbia Human Rights Law Review*. After almost a decade in the city, both are moving to New Haven in August, where Kinara will begin a two-year clerkship with the federal district judge Janet Bond Arterton.

Emily Ross started her second semester back at Columbia, working toward an M.P.A. at SIPA. She enjoys being at school again, especially seeing all the familiar sights on campus and hanging out with old friends. Over break, she not only got married but also went to Egypt on her honeymoon. Emily and her husband, Ryan, had an amazing time and luckily left just days before the protests started. She swears that she played no role in their instigation ... The Democracy Promotion course is only offered to SIPA second-year students (joking!) Emily will intern in Washington, D.C., this summer and looks forward to rejoining the D.C. alumni group.

And to close, a happy announcement of my own: **Michelle Oh** and **Alan C. Sing** '05 Dartmouth were married on January 8 in Rockleigh, N.J. The celebration was made all the more memorable by the many Columbians in attendance (see photo). This month, Michelle will graduate from Columbia's dual masters' program at SIPA and the Journalism School and will join

Alan in Philadelphia, where he is a pediatric resident at the Children's Hospital of Pennsylvania.

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As we celebrate four years since graduation from Columbia College, see below for some exciting CC '07 updates!

Robert Half Legal announced that **Bryan Lee** is the 2011 Minority Corporate Counsel Association scholarship winner and the new Robert Half Legal scholar. Currently a first-year law school student at UCLA, Bryan will receive \$10,000 to use toward tuition.

Bryan Lee '07 is the 2011 Minority Corporate Counsel Association scholarship winner and the new Robert Half Legal scholar.

Leni Babb writes, "I love Salt Lake City. I've skied more than 15 days already, and it's only February. And law school is going great. I recently spoke with **Kori Gatta**, and she and her boyfriend, **John Estrada**, are living the dream in Manhattan, working hard in the hedge fund industry."

Katerina Vorotova recently left her consulting role at Thomson Reuters and now is a strategic and financial planning associate at Weight Watchers International. She

also became a board member of Columbia College Women (CCW; college.columbia.edu/alumni/committees/ccw), an alumna network at the College.

Carolyn Braff shares, "I am both thrilled and sad to say that I will be leaving New York this summer to move to Chicago, where I will start business school at the University of Chicago in the fall. Anyone in the Chicago area, or anyone who has recommendations for brunch places in the Chicago area, please get in touch!"

Andrew Russeth recently began working at Metro Pictures Gallery in New York and received a Creative Capital/Andy Warhol Foundation Arts Writers Grant for his blog about contemporary art, 16 Miles of String (16miles.com). One weekend in February, he had the pleasure of dining on Porchetta's famous pork sandwiches with **Avi Zenilman** and **David Chait**. Afterward, the trio repaired to the apartment Russeth shares with **Marc Tracy**.

Siheun Song left Ava Luna last year and missed her chance to tour Europe with the band, which continues to record and tour (featured as "Indie Band Crush" by *Nylon Magazine* in November). She filled the void left by the excitement of her rock band days by shifting more of her time to CCW, serving as board secretary and chair of the membership committee. On February 1, Siheun was elected the chair-elect of CCW, succeeding chair **Claire Shanley '92**. Siheun's two-year term will begin in September. During the day, she is building her four-year-old financial practice as a consultant at AXA Advisors in Midtown.

Samantha Feingold is excited to be graduating from Fordham Law in May. She won her trial advocacy competition sponsored by the A.B.A. and as regional champion competed at the national competition in Texas in April.

Eric Bondarsky and **Nina Co-**

hen '09 Barnard recently hosted a delicious dinner featuring all-stars **Rebecca Schmutter-Kornecki '04**, **'07L**, **Adina Bitton '08** Barnard and **Michael Emerson '09**. The intellectual discourse ranged from a new restaurant in Williamsburg to the new profession known as "man coach," or as they coined it that evening, "moach." More importantly, more chili than can be humanly imagined was consumed thanks to Nina's culinary skills.

Adam Brickman writes, "Dur-

ing the Martin Luther King Jr. Day weekend, Nick DiCarlo, Christopher Simi, Marty Moore, Christian Capasso and I were part of a team that won the Second Annual Blue Chip Farms Snow Bowl. The squad defeated a team composed partially of Jonathan Chanin, Noam Zerubavel, Craig Rodwogin, Joshua Kace '07E and David Koretz '07E.

"Dominated and demoralized are probably more apt terms to describe the circumstances of the victory. Moore scored the game's first offensive touchdown by dusting the opposing team's secondary on an early go route. After a back and forth first half, it became apparent early in the third quarter that all signs of hope had been extinguished from the losing team (the losers')." Simi's relentless pass rush, coupled with Koretz's inability to throw in the direction of "Capasso Island" limited the losers' offensive options.

"Mr. DiCarlo was awarded the game ball as the team's M.V.P. It was a great win," said Nick. "I'd say we triumphed because of superior athleticism, better teamwork and a distinct lack of SEAS graduates on our squad. Those guys are spastic."

Seth Flaxman and Jim McCormick are looking for a good brother to help them find an apartment in Brooklyn (somewhere around Fort Greene). Seth asks, "Any recommendations? (Please send referrals to P.O. Box We Are On Facebook.)"

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While studying at SUNY Downstate Medical School, the always impressive **Calvin Sun** also has helped to build a medical clinic in Mexico. "I don't believe any of us fully grasped the impact of what we were doing until we had left. And even now, in the nascent days of our Tijuana withdrawal, I still haven't fully comprehended the obvious, the notion that we were in Mexico for only four days, transcending a community service cliché by creating something more than just a building.

"We returned feeling like we lived up to, somehow, to the overarching mission of helping serve a community of 1,500 in need, but we also came back having taken with us something we never really read in the pamphlets or heard about in our information sessions. Beneath the very obvious act of building a clinic, we also unconsciously had nurtured a remarkable environment of affiliation and acceptance among one another. Novices and experts, young and elder, artists and builders, brains and brawn;

strangers from all over the country boasting vastly diverse and seemingly incompatible interests, skills, expectations and levels of determination somehow were able to quickly reconcile incongruities and establish something organic in doing one thing and that one thing well to build.

"There never was a pre-screening, and there was not an application process. The only red tape we saw was used as nametags. All 40 of us were instead judged and accepted onto the team based solely on our willingness to create. Armed with the curiosity of what a bunch of strangers can do when they share the same goal, we came back having learned that sometimes wonderful things can happen."

Being in a snow-covered New York is great for a few days, but when the opportunity arises to head to the Rocky Mountains, where you can really make use of the white stuff, this crowd couldn't resist. So in January, Christopher Tortoriello, Caitlin Hodges, Carmen Ballard, Vladimir Gorbaty '08E, Sumana Rao and Jason Gordon '08E, all of whom live in New York, reunited with their friends Rob Wu and Liz Gill, who live on the West Coast, for a week of skiing/snowboarding in Vail, Colo. "It was the best time of our lives. Two cracked ribs and one missing tooth later, we are all still wondering why we got back on the plane to JFK," said Carmen.

Rachel Weidenbaum (now **Rachel Claire**) had the lead role in Ansky's *The Dybbuk* and various ensemble roles in Federico Garcia Lorca's *Blood Wedding*. Both shows were performed with Marvell Repertory in its inaugural season at the Abingdon Theatre Arts Complex on West 36th Street from March through April. She was thrilled to be working alongside Broadway veterans and received her Actors' Equity card! In February, Rachel made her TV debut as Sadie in *Fire at the Triangle* on the PBS series *American Experience*.

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Stephanie Chou recently released her debut recording, which explores a new approach to combining jazz, traditional Chinese music and math. *Prime Knot* contains a varied set of original compositions including jazz arrangements of the ancient Chinese classic, "Jasmine Flower," tunes inspired by knot theory, classical piano and pop. It features Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra's Marcus Printup on trumpet and



Graduating from college, check. Summited Mount Kilimanjaro, check. What's next? Friends Samuel Harris, Tomoko Masaki, Stephanie Shieh '08, Amelia Breyre '08 and Daniel Breyre have plenty of time to figure it out on the decent from the Tanzanian mountain, which they climbed in January.

flugelhorn, fellow Columbians Jeremy Siskind '10 GSAS on piano and Joel Combiner '11 on tenor saxophone, and Israeli musicians Daniel Ori on bass and Ronen Itzik on drums. Steph plays alto saxophone and piano and sings. Audio samples can be found at stephouch.com. *Prime Knot* now is available in hard copy and digital download from CDBaby (cdbaby.com/cd/stephouch), iTunes and Amazon. The NYC release concert was on April 29 at Drom on Avenue A and featured the full band.

After graduation, **Joanna Zuckerman Bernstein** spent a year in Mexico City on a Princeton in Latin America fellowship. In addition to working at a public health organization, she spent a month road-tripping around the south of Mexico. Upon returning to the United States, Joanna moved to Chicago, home to the second largest Mexican immigrant population in the country. She is the development coordinator for Universidad Popular, a community organization that offers ESL classes, computer literacy and repair courses, Spanish literacy classes, youth after-school programs, dance and exercise, and citizenship classes.

Almost immediately following graduation, **Brett Robbins** hopped on a plane for the first leg of a seven-month, round-the-world trip that would take him through 21 countries on six continents (Antarctica is next). A few weeks in Europe were followed by months in South America, Asia and Oceania before concluding in Africa. Though he did some solo exploring, Brett often was accompanied by friends. He met up with **Seth Melnick** in Delhi, and together they tackled India,

Nepal, Vietnam and Cambodia.

Brett returned to the States in January 2010 and started working for McKinsey. Currently on his sixth project, Brett has explored multiple business topics in industries that include finance and pharmaceuticals. He joined the Learning Committee, which designs learning programs for first- and second-year business analysts, and the Columbia recruiting team.

Brett recently was staffed on a growth strategy project in China, flying to and from Hong Kong and Shanghai. Though life on the road can be lonely, he has had the opportunity to see China through the "local" eyes of fellow Columbians Tom Hou '11, Allan Lau and Colin Felsman, who are involved with various projects in China. Brett was scheduled to return home for good at the end of January.

Colin Felsman is halfway through his year as a Lucie Scholar working for a nonprofit incubator in Shanghai. This year has given him a chance to fully immerse himself in the Chinese social enterprise and nonprofit space, begin the arduous task of learning Mandarin and travel like he never has. Colin's journeys so far (both for work and pleasure) have included Vietnam, Thailand, Cambodia, Hong Kong, Indonesia and numerous locations throughout China. In addition to more domestic excursions, during the coming six months Colin will head to Taiwan, Mongolia, South Korea, Laos and even New Zealand. When not on the road, he has grown quite fond of Shanghai, which he says is a dynamic city of sharp juxtapositions, rapid modernization and fascinating history. He relates that the city

is undeniably in the midst of a pivotal moment, so it's incredible, if sometimes troubling, to witness its evolution.

And last but not least, **Amanda Weidman** and **Shana Bush** are having fun.

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Hello everyone! There are a lot of great updates to report.

After spending summer 2010 in Rio de Janeiro, **Innokenty "Kenny" Pyetranker** began his studies at Harvard Law, where he is involved with the *Harvard National Security Journal* and the Jewish Law Students Association. Most importantly, Kenny is a member of the Columbia Alumni Representative Committee and encourages fellow alums to do the same. He will spend this summer in Washington, D.C., as a summer associate at Public International Law & Policy Group, a global pro bono law firm that provides legal assistance to states and governments involved in conflicts.

Michael Bossetta is enrolled in a master's program in European studies at Lund University in Sweden. He will work this summer at the U.S. embassy in Stockholm within the Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs.

Maria Alzuru writes, "After completing a 15-week unpaid internship (aren't they all?) at The Carter Center in Atlanta last semester, I was offered a temporary full-time position as assistant project coordinator (APC) for the Americas Program. Things I've learned: 1. Getting paid makes working 40 hours a week immensely easier. 2. Interns get to do research and analysis, APCs are all administrative and logistical tasks. 3. I officially want to go back to school. At least now I know for sure, right? Also, having a couple of CU people around is priceless."

Lien Hoang joined the Sacramento bureau of the Associated Press in February as a reporter covering California legislation. She writes, "I'm excited to work with journalists and lawmakers and in around the state capitol, addressing policies and politics with reverberations around the country. So far, my reporting has appeared in outlets such as Bloomberg and the *San Francisco Chronicle*. This also means I spend much more time exploring the downtown. Yes, you can have a lot of fun in Sacramento."

Natalie Gossett, on spring break from Villanova Law, visited Emily Wilson in Marseilles, France. She

plans to visit campus to see the Shakespeare Troupe's spring show. Natalie will be working in something law-related in Philadelphia this summer.

Ebele Iledigbo writes, "*¡Saludos desde Ecuador!* I am here working with a nonprofit organization that focuses on rural development and environmental education. I have been here about 1½ months as I write this, working with youth groups, learning Spanish, making new personal connections and enjoying the fact that I do not have to endure the winter this year, among other things. I plan to stay six months in total."

And finally, I will leave you with another one of **Chris Yin**'s adventures: "There comes a day when every boy must become a man. On January 13, 2011, that day occurred in my life when I was held up at the corner of West 168th and Amsterdam Avenue. A man and young lady tackled me from behind. I was in the area visiting an ailing friend who needed me to deliver soup to him. These hooligans who tackled me had no idea what they were up against. Up until I was 18, I took Tae Kwon Do and earned a third-degree black belt. I kicked the man and woman in the face and knocked them out. I quickly ran down the street and as they got up to chase me, I found my slingshot in my back pocket, which I always carry when that far north in Manhattan, and hit them with two stones I found on the street. I misfired the first five times, but when they got within point blank range, I might have taken an eye out. Though it was a traumatic experience, I want the Class of 2010 and the Columbia College community to know that I am a survivor, and I survived. Thanks Mom and Dad for putting me through Tae Kwon Do, even though I hated it! That's what Asian parents are for."

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Hello, Class of 2011! I will be your class correspondent when we leave the comfort and familiarity of Columbia's gates to venture out into the real world. I hope you all have enjoyed life in the College as much as I have, and in the months ahead, I hope you write to me with updates of your inevitably exciting lives. Congratulations to everyone upon graduation, have an amazing summer and shoot me a message when you can!

Letters

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critical and financial resources, justify such work?

For decades, Columbia has failed to act on a simple yet elegant solution to the Morningside space crunch: Follow through, to the extent possible, on McKim, Mead & White's master plan. Five McKim buildings, originally conceived for the campus, could still be erected. They would be placed opposite Hartley, Wallach, Furr, Lewisohn and Mathematics, completing those quadrangles and helping fulfill the University's original architectural vision.

It is too late to undo the architectural damage already wrought. But a return to first principles could mitigate at least some of the harm. In the meantime, I shudder to contemplate what is being planned for Manhattanville.

Thomas J. Vinciguerra '85, '86/
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Good Company

Not to take anything away from Claire Shipman '86, '94 SIPA and Alexandra Wallace Creed '88, but I believe CCT was incorrect when it stated that they are the first and second women, respectively, to speak at Class Day ("Around the Quads," March/April). I recall that Marian Wright Edelman, founder and president of the Chil-

dren's Defense Fund, addressed the illustrious Class of 1993. Perhaps the distinction you intended to draw is that Ms. Edelman did not attend the College. Still, that's awfully good company to be in.

Alan M. Freeman '93
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Editor's note: Creed should have been identified as the second alumna, not the second woman, to speak at Class Day.

Hakoah

I enjoyed reading Franklin Foer '96's "Columbia Forum" excerpt on Hakoah (March/April). A postscript: Having played soccer for the Swiss Football Club in the Big Ten Division of the German American League in the early 1950s (while incidentally also playing baseball and basketball at Columbia), I can attest to the "non-mediocre" status of the East Coast Hakoah team at that time. They played against teams in the Big Ten Division and held their own. This was some of the best soccer in the United States at that time and included the German Hungarians, who one year won the National Challenge Cup (which included all professional and amateur clubs in the U.S.) as well as the National Amateur '94.

Andy Biche '54
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Alumni Corner

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Had the free clinic not existed and his daughter not insisted that he come, would the cause of his death been his heart disease or the failures of our health system?

It was not the spectrum of illness I witnessed that was different. It was the severity of illness. It was not just diabetes; it was uncontrolled diabetes with diabetic complications. It was not just hypertension; it was blood pressures of 190 over 120.

There were five patients sent by EMT ambulance directly to the emergency room who may well not have seen the next day were it not for this clinic. At the end of the day, I had spoken to several hundred people and heard their stories of living in the wealthiest country in the world without health insurance.

I was overwhelmed. Every patient's story ended with the haunting refrain of the chorus of a Greek tragedy: "no insurance, no cash, no doctor, no medication."

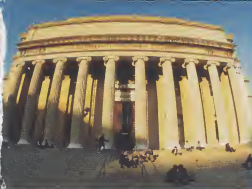
Before leaving, I was asked if I

would be at the next clinic in Kansas City that was scheduled in five weeks. Without hesitating, I said yes and that I would travel to any clinic organized by the NAFC. I have been to Kansas City, Hartford, Atlanta, Washington, D.C., and New Orleans. My seventh and most recent clinic was in Charlotte, N.C.

I have no professional affiliation with NAFC. My commitment to it is personal. I pay for my travel and take time from my private practice to do this.

I thank my years at Columbia for fostering my social awareness as well as my preparation in the basic sciences and American history for my career in medicine that has continued to bring challenges and satisfaction.

Dr. Ralph Freiden '65 has practiced internal medicine and primary care in Lexington, Mass., for the past 30 years. He blogs about health reform at theunscreentpatient.blogspot.com.



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Caring for Those Without Health Insurance

BY DR. RALPH FREIDIN '65

In 1965, Medicare and Medicaid were passed, Martin Luther King Jr. marched to Montgomery, Malcolm X was assassinated, President Lyndon B. Johnson's Voting Rights Bill became law, more troops went to Vietnam and many were protesting the war. This was the social backdrop of our class.

My years on Morningside Heights were a time of social change and student activism. The corner of West 116th Street and Broadway was as much a classroom as Hamilton Hall. Although premed, I minored in history. The highlight of my four years was Jim Shenton '49's renowned seminar "United States during the Era of Disunion."

Professor Shenton wove the milestones of current American history into his seminar, leaving me with indelible lessons of the tide of American history.

I left Morningside Heights in June 1965. In September, I drove to St. Louis to begin my first year at Washington University Medical School. With Medicare and Medicaid promising access to care to millions previously excluded, I entered medicine believing that it would be a tool for social change.

Quickly, I learned that the view from Morningside Heights was not that from the heartland. Columbia had prepared me well for medical school, but not that my profession's vision of social responsibility started and stopped at the hospital's door.

Starving for the pulse of social change, I heard the words of my Columbia swimming coach, Richard Steadman: "Defeat is not a discouragement but a call to be better." I started thinking of ways to get the medical school and hospital to extend its services to the inner city three miles from its door. With the support of two young faculty members, some of my classmates and members of the Pruitt-Igoe Men's Club, we established a health center in Pruitt-Igoe, St. Louis' largest public housing project.

For the first 10 years after graduating from medical school, I

taught and practiced primary care and internal medicine in municipal hospitals. By 1980, I had a family of two young children and a wife with her own professional career. The problems of people marginalized in our health care system were too taxing for this stage of my life. I left inner-city medicine and joined a small private practice in Lexington, Mass.

Last summer, I saw a report of a one-day medical clinic in New Orleans that had provided free care to almost 1,000 people without insurance. The clinic, spread across 102,000 square feet of a convention hall, was my small neighborhood health center on steroids.

Believing health care was a right of every American citizen, undoubtedly learned in CC, history classes and Professor Shenton's Civil War seminar, I called The National Association of Free Clinics (NAFC, freedclinics.us). Two weeks later, I was on a plane to Little Rock. I was asked to triage the waiting line, looking for someone who needed urgent care. The people began to line up two hours before the doors opened at 10 a.m. By the time the first scheduled patient was seen, more than 200 patients were waiting.

More than 80 percent were working but none had health insurance. Some were self-employed but could not afford the premiums of individual policies. Some had several jobs, none of which provided health benefits. Others had been laid off and could not afford COBRA.

Few had seen a physician in the past year. Almost half had not seen a physician in the past six years. All had the same reasons for having neglected their health. Without insurance, they could not afford to pay for a physician visit. Without insurance, they could not afford to fill their prescriptions. Without insurance, they could not afford any surgical procedure. If they had been sick enough to need emergency care, they were then saddled with an enormous bill that discouraged them from seeking further care.

A man with a below-knee amputation was in a wheelchair. He hoped the clinic would help him obtain the prosthesis request his medical insurance had denied.

A woman grimacing in pain had cancer treatment two years ago but was unable to continue treatment without insurance.

Another woman was wearing a trench coat to cover her emaciated frame. She had had three seizures in the past two weeks. A local emergency room where she had sought help told her that the level of her seizure medications was "OK" and discharged her. No follow up was arranged. During her seizures she had bitten the inside of her mouth and tongue. She could not eat. When I told her that we would care for her and arrange for further care, I could not see an intact tooth in her broad but crooked smile.

A man with labored breathing and a sweaty brow was slumped in a wheelchair. His weak voice told me five days ago he was in the intensive care unit of a local hospital for "swollen legs and chest heaviness." At discharge, he was handed a list of unaffordable medications that he did not understand. Continuing care was not arranged. He had unstable angina. I wheeled him to the front of the line and called the EMTs to take him back to the hospital.

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Dr. Ralph Freidin '65 examines a patient at a free clinic in Washington, D.C., last August.

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